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FAIRIES FOR SALE!

By MARK FROMME

WOULD you like a fairy to protect your garden, liven up your next party, or just keep you company like a faithful pet? Retired bar owner John Boxleigh says he has a few for sale.

Hundreds of fluttering, gossamer-winged sprites live at the bottom of the garden behind his suburban home in Phoenix, says Boxleigh.

"I've been catching the fairies in humane traps when they flit into the house by mistake, and releasing them," he says. But after giving 150 of them to a neighbor who wanted some unique mood lighting for her holiday party, he started getting calls from several interested buyers. "I started thinking, why not make a few bucks off this?"

Boxleigh, who inherited the house from his deceased brother, says the fairies are about four inches tall and both male and female.

"But usually I only catch the males. They're more adventurous than the females, and they're not as careful about getting caught," he says.

Boxleigh is seeking legal advice about what to charge per fairy, but he's tentatively set the price at $250 for a male and $1,000 for the more elusive female.

"They're very cheap to take care of," he says. "They just eat out stocked with a mixture of sugar and water, which is like flower nectar. Every couple of weeks I put out a dish of good-quality canned cat food, and they're happy to stick around."

"Unfortunately, fairies don't live long in captivity, no more than two or three months. So I advise you to release yours into your garden when you're done, preferably by the light of the full moon."

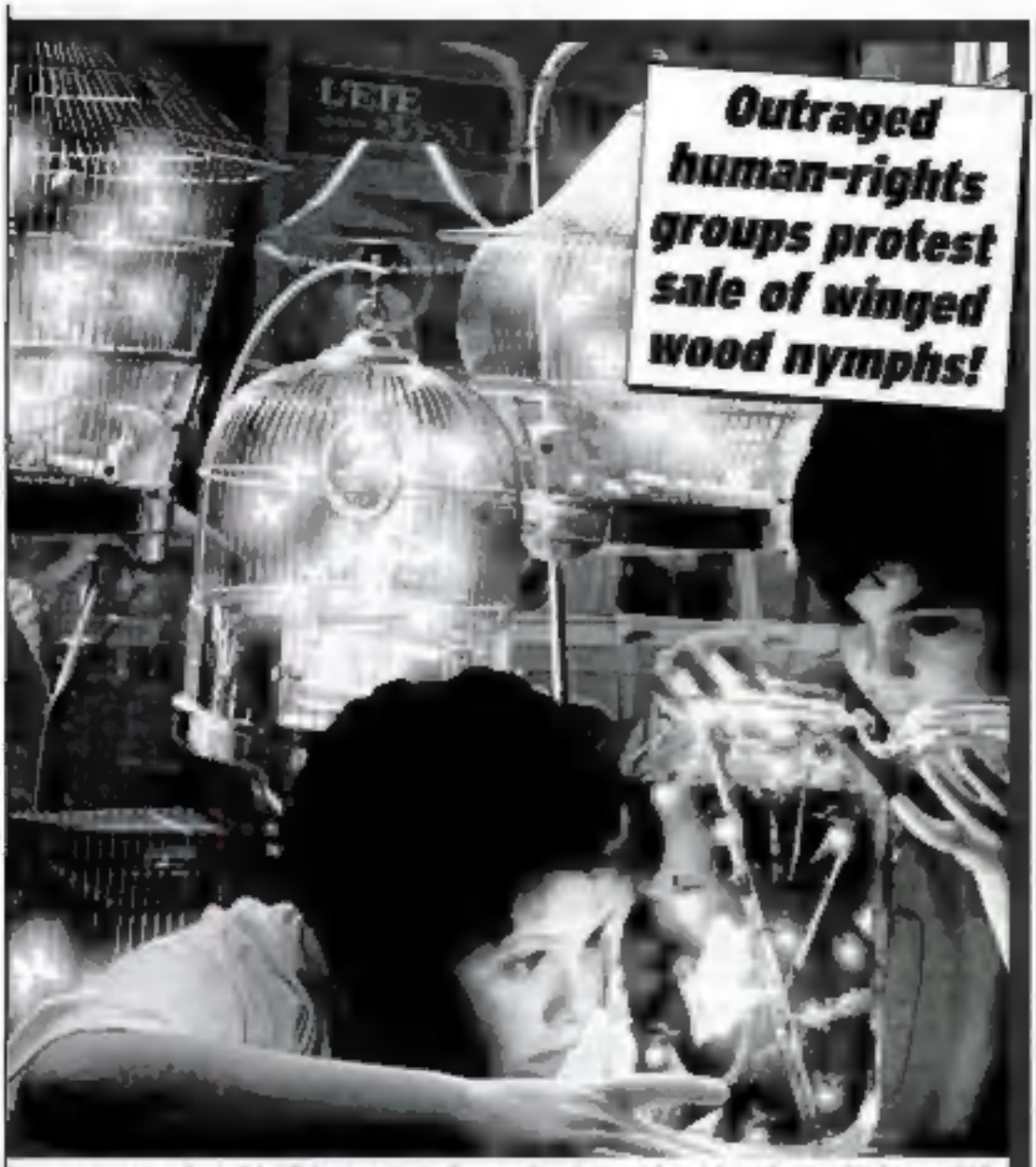
Animal-rights and humanitarian groups are outraged by Boxleigh's plan.

"Fairies are just little people with wings," says one human rights advocate. "What Boxleigh is doing amounts to slavery and forced labor — and, considering his admission that his imprisoned fairies don't live long, criminal neglect.

"It's not just captivity that cuts short these poor creatures' lives, but their woefully inadequate diet. Fairies need to eat a wide variety of foods, including nectar, fruit, bugs and certain grasses. They can't be fed only sugar water and cat food — they'd die. We're surprised they last as long as they do under his 'care.'

"We urge Phoenix law enforcement authorities to take immediate custody of these poor creatures, and to file charges of cruelty and abuse against Mr. Boxleigh — the Fairy Godfather of Phoenix."

That odd nickname partly stems from Boxleigh's alleged ties to organized crime, a reputation he does little to discourage.



Outraged human-rights groups protest sale of winged wood nymphs!

one ever proved anything," he says. "Besides, Mab guys are in now, ever since *The Sopranos* hit it big."

And Bordeigh says he has no intention of dropping his plan to farm out the fairies. He says he may even experiment with a breeding program to keep the supply steady.

His neighbor says the fairies were the hit of her holiday party. "They were just delightful," she says. "Everyone wanted to know where I got them. And now that they're in the garden, they've really cut down on the yard pests in my flower beds."

Bordeigh says his elderly mother has taken in several fairies as home companions. "They give her all the companionship of a cat or a dog, but they're much cleaner. They don't make messes all over the place, and they don't shred the furniture or keep your neighbors up at night barking or howling."

Bordeigh stresses that his fairies do not have magical powers.

"They can't grant you any wishes, they won't take your kid's baby teeth and leave money under the pillow, and they're not going to get a rich guy to marry you," he says.

"These are just plain, ordinary wood nymphs."

SHOULD ANYONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELL FAIRIES?

YOU BE THE JUDGE

☐ **YES:** If you can catch a fairy, there's no reason you shouldn't be allowed to sell them.

☐ **NO:** Fairies should be protected at all costs and not exploited.

We want to hear from our readers. Please check Yes or No and mail your vote to FAIRY BOX [illegible]

NEWS

BRIEFS

Here, hot off the wire, are the freakiest news stories from around the globe!

ELVIS IMPERSONATOR SETS RECORD

A GERMAN man performed a record-setting Elvis Presley impersonation, crooning 800 songs in 40 hours on The King's birthday.

Shaaed Elkassier, whose stage name is Shalvis, sang for 40 hours, eight minutes and two seconds on a Hamburg radio station. He broke the previous record of 25 hours and 33 minutes, set in 2001 by a man from London.

Shalvis was allowed a 15-minute break every four hours, according to rules of the *Guinness Book of Records*.

"By the end he hardly had any voice left and was very tired, but he kept on going," says Frenky Hovermann, spokeswoman for the Oldie 95 radio station.

HACKERS FELL FAST-FOOD FOARK

COMPUTER geeks hacked their way into the wireless frequency of a fast-food restaurant's drive-thru speaker and started messing with customers' heads.

Police say customers got weird and often profane responses when they placed orders at the restaurant in Troy, Mich. One got a lecture: "You don't need that — you are too fat." Another was told, "We don't have Coke. We don't have anything. Pull ahead."

Restaurant managers changed the frequency of the wireless microphone, hoping to keep out the hackers.

THIEVES TO BE CAGED LIKE DOGS

SHOPLIFTERS in the Dutch city of Utrecht are being penned up like animals — in actual dog cages that hold suspects until police arrive.

And merchants say that just the threat of being publicly humiliated has kept even habitual shoplifters from grabbing merchandise.

Henk de Groot, chairman of an Utrecht retail association, says the cage is "a cheap and very sensible solution" to the shoplifting problem. "Most shops don't have separate rooms for this and the shoplifters sometimes start to fight to escape if you lock them in."

One store owner says he hasn't

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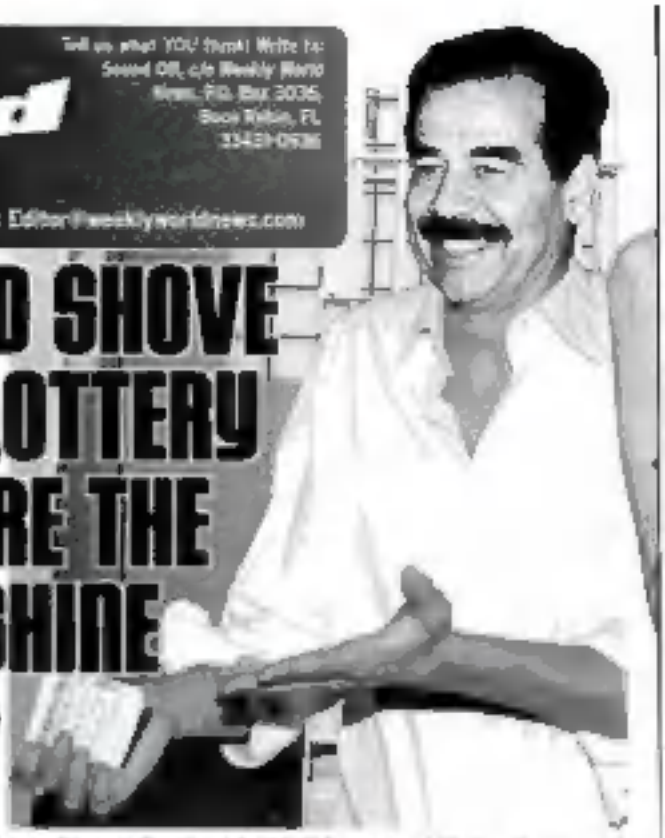
THEY SHOULD SHOVE SADDAM'S LOTTERY TICKET WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE

— even though he might enjoy it!



Dear Editor: It certainly is ironic that Saddam Hussein managed to win even a small prize on an American lottery (Jan. 20, 2004), but I sure as heck hope they don't actually give him the money. The idea of that evil scumbag getting even one red cent from the U.S. of A. makes me want to puke up my guts, especially since he'd probably spend the money on something disgusting like gay porn or camel steaks. — Steven N., Los Angeles, Calif.

Don't worry, Steve. As we reported, it's unlikely Saddam would ever be allowed to redeem his ticket. In fact, our sources in the White House tell us the word has come down officially from President Bush that under no circumstances will such a thing happen.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story about the man who thinks he is an owl (Jan. 20, 2004). It reminded me of my Uncle Ethan. Years ago, someone whapped Uncle Ethan in the noggin with a rock. After that, he thought he was a canary. In fact, he would perch on the back of the sofa and go "tweet tweet" all day long. At night, much as birds will tuck their heads under their wings to sleep, he'd cover his face with his arm. He also refused to eat human food, and kept strictly to various seeds. The poor man's dead now, but that's another story. — Sarah J., Pendulac, Wisc.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: Your piece on dogs doing various wacky things (Jan. 13, 2004) was simply adorable! My late beloved pooch, Randolph, used to skateboard down the street. Too bad I don't have a picture of that. I'd have sent it to you. — Louise C., Endicott, N.Y.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: You silly Americans enjoy to mock the French, and this we have learned to accept. But your story about the bomb made from French people's perspiration (Jan. 6, 2004) is what in your country they call the low blow even for you. I will have you to know that we French smell no worse than those of any other nation. In fact, recent surveys are showing the average French person to bathe no less than twice a week, much more than is strictly necessary, no? But of course, you being ignorant Americans types would not have been aware of this. Put that in your silly American pipe and, how you say, incinerate it. — Yves B., Paris, France

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: In your issue of Jan. 13, 2004, you ran a photo of a cat that appeared to have a little square mustache under its nose, and you asked if the cat could possibly be the reincarnation of Adolf Hitler. What I'd like to know is, how do you know it isn't the reincarnation of Charlie Chaplin? — Ellen S., Chicago, Ill.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: I sympathize with the witch that was evicted from her apartment due to her gassy demon cat (Jan. 13, 2004). My late husband, Ed, was a chili fanatic. Enough said. — Frances D., Boston, Mass.

★ ★ ★

Dear Editor: Just wanted to drop a line to tell you that *Weekly World News* is the best publication in the world! I've read every single issue since January of 1983, so that's 19 years of good reading I have to thank you for. Keep up the great work, guys! — Lisa V., Kennebunkport, Maine

Thanks so much for your kind words, Lisa! We promise to do our best to maintain the level of quality you've come to expect.

Dear Editor: In all my years on this Earth (I'm 87), I don't know if I've ever heard of something as dad-blamed foolish as these knuckleheads that skydive without a parachute (Jan. 13, 2004). Is it just my imagination or are folks getting more and more brainless as time goes by? It makes you fear for the future of the human race, it does. — Harland W., Ft. Worth, Tex.

By GLORIA RODRIGUEZ

Oh the cheek of the man!

President Bush proposes to make J.Lo's Butt Day a National Holiday!

BUTT IN: Jennifer Lopez's luscious shape may inspire a new national holiday.

PRESIDENT George Bush wants to capture the imagination of America's youth by making February 17 a federal holiday that celebrates actress-singer Jennifer Lopez's oversized behind!

And as off-the-wall as the idea might sound, the commander-in-chief has made it clear that he intends to pull out all the stops to make J.Lo's Butt Day as revered as Memorial Day, Martin Luther King Day and even the Fourth of July.

Post offices, schools and all government agencies will be closed, he's told staff, while the nation celebrates with what he hopes will become traditional rump roast dinners, local big butt and karaoke contests, and fireworks displayed to the hot pop rhythms of J.Lo's sultry tunes.

"Something like this is long overdue — America's youth have been left out of the process too long," says a White House source who spoke with reporters for almost 20 minutes before he realized the photograph of J.Lo he kept waving for emphasis was actually a snapshot of Britney Spears.

"The president is very keen on the idea.

"I'd be lying if I said he wasn't looking at the short-term benefits of a J.Lo's Butt Day too. Obviously, he is. The youth vote could be the deciding factor in a close election.

"And J.Lo, being of Puerto Rican lineage, would bring lots of Hispanics and islanders into the political process, too."

Politicians on both sides of the aisle are applauding the proposal if for no other reason than that they're afraid to upset the White House or appear "out of it" and offend the nation's youth.

One elderly but highly respected Republican senator actually told a reporter that J.Lo's Butt Day "could replace the Fourth of July as America's most patriotic holiday" and quipped, "We'll show the world that it's hip to love hips."

Both the President and Postmaster General John Potter have openly discussed the potential for a special commemorative "butt stamp" featuring J.Lo's titanic tush.

Not only that, several noted sculptors have been asked to submit sketches for what's tentatively being called J.Lo's Butt Memorial Bronze.

One design featuring the star's massive buns grasped in the talons of a soaring American eagle is tipped to be the front-runner.

Though universally popular with politicians, the initiative does have its critics — mainly conservative Christians who think the celebration of a celebrity's bottom is unbecoming.

"I have nothing against Jennifer Lopez as a person or even as an entertainer," says one Methodist minister. "She seems perfectly nice.

"But that doesn't mean I want her butt in my two years' Christmas."

FIRST-CLASS FANNY: Officials are eyeing designs for a postage stamp featuring J.Lo's juicy backside.

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR!

CAUTION: DANGEROUS CURVES!

SLOW DOWN and take a few minutes to appreciate this week's beauty, a luscious lass who'll stop your diesel in your tracks — you'll want to hug every one of those curves. Meet Jamie, whose classic figure, a perfect 36D-24-36, comes from her regular enjoyment of dance and gymnastics. The blue-eyed blonde also gets pleasure from spending time with family and friends in her hometown of San Jose, Calif., and she loves to travel. If you ever need a traveling companion, Jamie,

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YOU MAY BE RICH & NOT KNOW IT . . .

$300 BILLION IN UNCLAIMED ASSETS UP FOR GRABS

A FORTUNE COULD BE YOURS JUST FOR THE ASKING!

IT'S EASY to see if you're one of America's "lost millionaires," with a pile of money just waiting for you to claim it.

By VICKIE YORK/Correspondent

DO YOU often fantasize about winning the lottery and becoming a millionaire? Don't waste time dreaming — you may already be vastly wealthy and not even know it!

"Many Americans are entitled to hundreds, thousands or even millions of dollars and don't realize it," reveals financial advisor Connie Maserwitz of Chicago.

"They work like dogs all day, come home to modest surroundings and struggle to pay their bills, totally unaware that out there, somewhere, there's a fortune waiting for them.

"I call these people America's lost millionaires."

Currently at least $13 billion from abandoned or forgotten bank accounts sits in state treasuries around the nation, turned over for safekeeping. Some of that may well be yours — and hidden wealth may come from a variety of other sources as well.

"You may unwittingly be related to a long-deceased business tycoon who set up a huge trust fund to benefit all his descendants," Maserwitz says.

"You could be a consumer who once purchased a faulty product that

"An ancestor of yours may have purchased a parcel of land for pennies many years ago to which you are now legally entitled — and which is now worth a king's ransom.

"There might be an unclaimed account set up in your name by your grandparents that might have originally held only a few hundred dollars yet which is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars today."

Even though you might have a net worth in the millions and not even know it, you'll still die a pauper unless you take action, Maserwitz points out.

"This money won't find you — you've got to go and find it," she says.

Maserwitz says there are a few simple steps the average person can take to find out if they're one of America's lost millionaires:

Check the Web. Information on unclaimed assets is available for free from state treasury offices — which can use your money until it's claimed. Web sites such as www.missingmoney.com offer easy ways to conduct on-line searches.

Consult a genealogist. Especially if you have a last name like Goodyear, Morgan, Ford or Rockefeller, see if any dollars fall out.

Check the classified section of your local newspaper every week. Before dispensing money executors of large estates are generally obligated to formally alert any possible creditors and heirs.

Read the business section and keep abreast of big-money lawsuits. Make sure you get in on any that are appropriate and don't miss out on your slice of the pie.

Look for old stock certificates in desk drawers and steamer trunks. Stocks in once-newfangled industries like computers that were purchased decades ago for peanuts could now be worth a colossal sum.

Grill grandpa and grandma. Before "old timer's disease" kicks in, interview your elderly relatives and find out if they ever bought any land as an investment.

"You never know," Maserwitz says. "I have a client who found an old deed to a 20-acre farm in a place named Hollywood by its devout founder — better known as Hollywood today. Needless to say, he's now a very rich man."

NOTE: Government agencies are holding over $300 billion in unclaimed property and lost money. An asset becomes abandoned in the eyes of the law when the original owner is lost — typically after a name or address change — or when the rightful heir fails to communicate an interest in it over a number of years, known as the dormancy period. These left holding unclaimed assets — banks, stock brokers, life insurance companies and government agencies themselves — remit them to the protective custody of a government trust account in a legal

PHOTO IS AMERICA'S FASTEST SELLING WORLD

By BRETT ANNISTON, Correspondent

DOTTY DID IT!

PRINCESS ANNE'S DOG PLOTTED DIANA'S DEATH

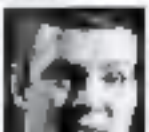
PRINCESS Diana, left, was killed in Paris in 1997. At right, investigators examine wreckage of the car she was riding in with boyfriend Dodi Fayed.

INVESTIGATORS conducting the new inquest into the death of Princess Diana are reportedly taking a close look at an unlikely suspect: Princess Anne's killer pooch Dotty!

London researcher Clive Mulgrew contends that the infamously vicious bull terrier — best known for ripping Queen Elizabeth's beloved lap dog limb from limb — is also responsible for the deaths of Diana, boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver. And incredibly, grubers are beginning to take his theory seriously.

"That dog is a homicidal maniac — shockingly vindictive, cunning and resourceful," says Mulgrew. "My theory is that she stowed away with Diana's luggage, somehow made it into the car, and went berserk on that fateful drive, causing the fatal wreck.

"I've seen an amateur videotape taken at the crash scene that was



DID Di's bodyguard, Trevor Rees Jones, know the killer?

I'm convinced that was Dotty."

The pet's involvement would explain the royal-family-orchestrated cover-up that has enshrouded the case since Diana's death in 1997, the veteran crime writer maintains.

"If the truth came out, Dotty would have to be put down," he says. "Princess Anne and the royal family, who've been protecting her for years, weren't about to let that happen."

There's no question that Dotty has a less-than-even temperament. In 2002, she attacked two boys in Windsor Great Park, earning her blue-blooded mistress a stiff fine. Over the Christmas holidays, the ultra-violent beast savagely killed the Queen's corgi Pharos. While a less aristocratic canine would have been destroyed, Dotty was merely ordered to see an animal psychologist.

There's also little doubt that there was no love lost between Princess Di and the demon dog.

"Dotty would snarl in a menacing manner every time she saw Diana, and once in 1996, shortly before Diana's divorce from Prince Charles was finalized, Dotty bit her on the leg," says Mulgrew. "Diana was furious and said she would have the dog put down.

"Only the fact that Princess Anne hadn't been there to boot the dog away it would have taken a chunk

she 'ought to have the bloody thing destroyed.'" The eyewitness went

French held back key information

Mulgrew points to several shocking pieces of evidence that have been withheld from the public until now:

CLAIM: Never-released autopsy photos reveal what appear to be bite marks on the face and hands of Princess Di.

CLAIM: Dog hairs were found in the backseat of the car, although Diana was not keeping a pet at that time.

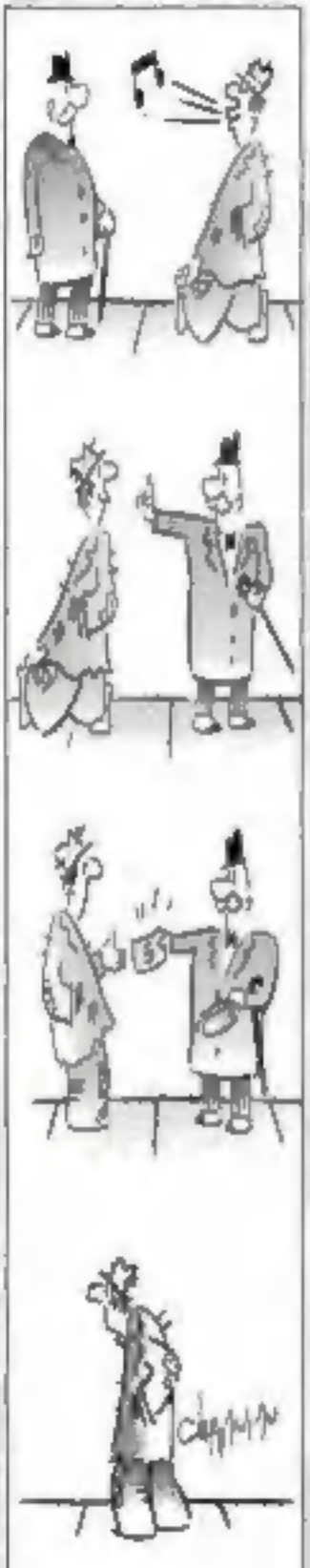
CLAIM: The first words of bodyguard Trevor Rees Jones, the sole crash survivor, upon regaining consciousness, were "The bitch, the bitch," a hospital employee told French investigators. "Initially it was assumed he was mumbling about his employer Princess Di," says Mulgrew. "But my belief is that he was talking about Dotty."

CLAIM: The whereabouts of Dotty on the night Di was killed is a question Princess Anne has consistently refused to answer — although it is widely rumored she herself was in Paris.

"Any single one of these claims taken alone wouldn't prove that Dotty is involved," Mulgrew insists. "But taken as a whole, it's damning evidence of her guilt."

"MORBID BEAST!" That's what Diana called the demented Dotty, encircled in this photo of Princess Anne walking her and another dog. "Nothing's been done about the beastly bull terrier, even after she viciously murdered Queen Elizabeth's pet dog.

NEWS 'TOONS



AMERICA'S FATTIES BEING WOOED BY POLITICIANS!

By DONALD HOLT
Correspondent

'60 percent of voters are overweight & that's a huge voting bloc,' says insider

AMERICA'S fatties may be under attack from the medical profession, but they're being wooed by politicians who are competing to come up with ever-more lavish "fat-voter incentives" to attract jelly bellies to their causes.

"About 60 percent of American voters are fat and getting fatter and that's a huge voting bloc that presidential and congressional candidates simply can't afford to ignore," says one Washington insider.

Here, from Washington sources in the know, are just a few of the incentives that Democrats and Republicans are considering for America's overweight majority as election day draws near.

DEMOCRATS

● DONUT vouchers to be issued weekly by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Each voucher will entitle the holder to two dozen free donuts.

● MEAT stamps enabling fatsos to purchase pork chops, sausages, prime rib and other tasty but expensive fatty meats at reduced prices, potentially saving a family of four $50 to $100 per day.

● FREE medical care for obesity related ailments like heart disease, high blood pressure, sour stomach, acid reflux, heartburn, breathing problems, cellulite, clogged colons and chipped teeth.

● TAX breaks on the purchase of all oversized clothes at "tall and big people" shops.

REPUBLICANS

● TAX breaks of up to $5000 a year for the "morbidly obese," which is defined as anyone who weighs 80 pounds more than the average for his or her height.

● FREE liposuction for voters earning in excess of $1 million per year, a controversial benefit that is designed to drain fat from butts, bellies, legs and hips of upper crust voters who, in the words of one pundit, "are rich and spoiled enough to want their cake and their 'skinny,' too."

● MORE tax breaks for rotypatties who are too flabby to do chores around the house and need hired help to keep things neat and clean and also to cook and fetch snacks.

● SUSPENSION of the "luxury tax" on the gigantic, gas-guzzling "land yachts" and SUVs that Crisco-cakeaned voters have to buy because they're too wide-bodied to fit in the regular cars that normal people drive.

"Everyone agrees that large voters both need and deserve incentives, but it's interesting how the Democrats are attempting to appeal to low-income fatties with things like donut vouchers while the Republicans are going after rich fatties, the kind who buy luxury cars and hire maids, cooks and lawn men," says one observer.

As you might suspect, spokesmen for fat pride groups and other organizations that support the causes of the obese couldn't be happier with their newfound political clout.

"People of color have been getting incentives and considerations for years and it's high time that people of size got theirs," says a spokesman for the national advocacy group, Coalition of the Fat and Proud.

"Well-proportioned and skinny people are going to scream bloody murder over free donuts and tax breaks for the obese," he adds. "But as is the case will all such incentives, there is a 'trickle down' effect that ultimately benefits everybody.

"With more money to buy more food and tax breaks that allow us to buy more — and more expensive — vehicles, for example, we'll be fueling the economy with billions of dollars that wouldn't have been spent otherwise.

"That means more jobs and more money for everyone — so

ROLY-POLIES who are too flabby to do chores are in line for tax breaks and hired help.

WORLD'S DUMBEST TOWN VOWS TO RAISE IQ

By KATE VASQUEZ
Correspondent

THE PEOPLE of Cooley, Australia, have had it with their image as the world's dumbest town. So they've embarked on an ambitious program of study to raise their average IQ by at least 20 points.

We're tired of people making fun of us, says mayor

"We're tired of people making fun of us," says Mayor Marty Simpkind, noting that some Australians have started using the phrase "pulled a Cooley" when someone does something stupid.

The tiny-brained town has earned that reputation many times over in just the last year:

Police announced they must stop all patrols, because their squad cars have run out of gas. "We can't buy new cars until the next budget year," says the police chief.

An abandoned warehouse burned to the ground because firefighters didn't hook their hoses to water hydrants. "I always thought the water was already in the truck," says a firehouse commander. "Somebody should've said something about those hydrant things."

A riot broke out on a street corner, when a crowd of pedestrians began pushing and shoving after standing at the intersection for more than an hour. "We were waiting for the stop sign to change, and it never did," says one of the few to escape injury in the melee.

Several businesses in town, including the bank, have collapsed because employees can't make change. "They'd get a $5 bill and give change for $50, or get $100 and give change for $10," says an outside auditor who investigated the bank failures. "And once word got out, the place was easy pickings for counterfeiters."

ONE DIMWIT who bought a Superman cape off the Internet thought it would make him fly — it didn't.

Dozens of dimwits have been hospitalised with bizarre self-inflicted injuries. Cooley residents often drive cars with cardboard sunscreens still covering the windshield, try to iron their clothes while wearing them and jump off buildings dressed as Superman because they think the cape enables them to fly. The Town Council recently outlawed Superman capes, for residents' protection.

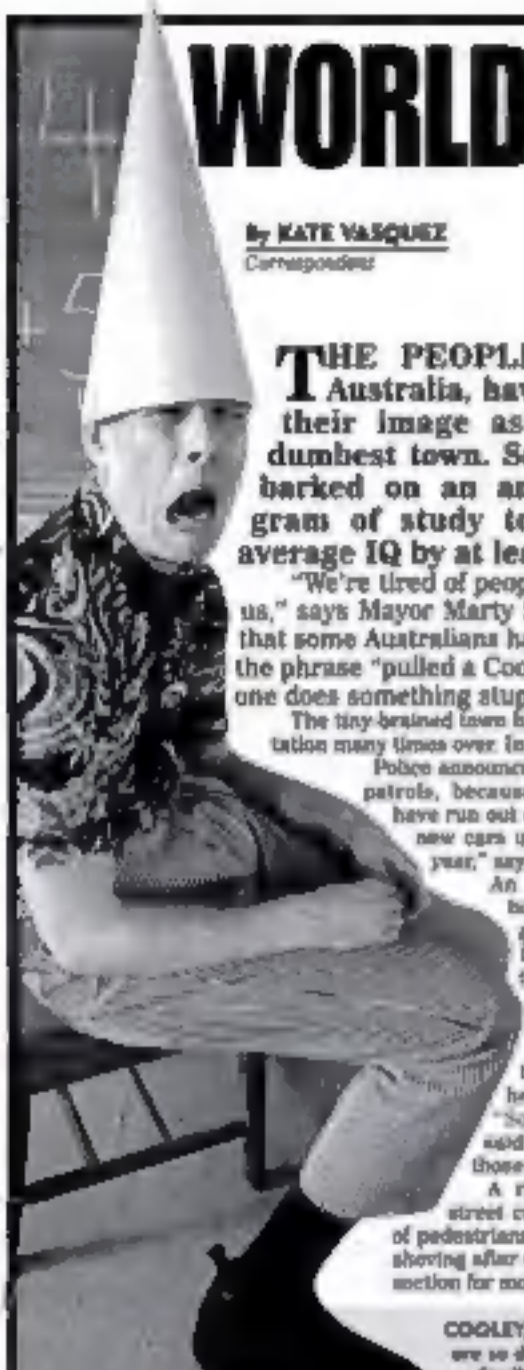
Desperate to cure the affliction of idiocy, town officials have hired the New Zealand tutoring firm Edu-Zone to run classes in math, reading and logic for the town's 525 residents.

"Frankly, I'm not sure we'll have much success at raising their IQ," says an Edu-Zone spokeswoman. "There are some intelligence researchers who believe it's possible, but others say IQ is something you are born with and is as unchangeable as eye color.

"But we are eager to try, for the sake of the town. These people are so desperately feebleminded. It's a wonder they're functioning at all."

Cooley's leaders hope to see the town IQ go from a dull-witted 75 to an average-intelligence mark of 95; experts say an IQ of 90 to 110 is average.

"We'd be real happy going from 75 to 95," Simpkind says. "That's two points, right?"



COOLEY, Australia, residents are so dumb that the phrase "pulling a Cooley" means doing something stupid.

DUMBEST THINGS EVER SAID IN A COURTROOM

ACCORDING to the Electric Law Library, the following are actual statements made in courtrooms by lawyers, witnesses, judges and defendants:

● Have you lived in this town all your life?
Not yet.

● All your responses must be oral, O.K.? What school did you go to?
Oral.

● Are you qualified to give a urine sample?
Yes, I have been since early childhood.

● Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people?
All of them.

● You say that the stairs went down to the basement?
Yes.
And these stairs, did they go up also?

● Do you know how far pregnant you were then?
I'll be three months on November 8.
Apparently, then, the date of conception was August 8?

● How far apart were the vehicles at the time of collision?

● Can you describe the individual?
He was about medium height and had a beard.
Was this a male or female?

● Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?

● Did you have occasion to observe his condition?
Sometimes, when he was asleep.

● Did you ever stay in a shelter?
No, I slept in my own bed.

● Did you ever go to your father's funeral?
No, I was unable to attend.
Was it because you were sick?
No, it was because I was dead.

● How old is your son, the one living with you?
Thirty-one, or thirty-two, I forget exactly.

● How was your first marriage terminated?
By death.
And by whose death was it terminated?

● Can you describe the individual you saw?
Was he tall or short?
He was neither tall nor short. He was medium.
And was he dressed or naked?

● Doctor, how many times have you been shot?
Three times, counting the time I shot myself.

● Where were you when you had your accident?
I was pinned between the front end of a car and a tree.
How was the car pinned between the tree?

● Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

● The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

● Were you present when your father died?
Yes, I was present.
Would you like to tell us what you were doing?

● Were you married before?
Yes.
And was your husband living or dead then?
Living.
Is he dead now?

● Were you acquainted with the deceased?
Only after he died.

● Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
No.
Did you check for blood pressure?
No.
Did you check for breathing?
No.
So then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
No.
How can you be so sure, doctor?
Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?
Yes, it is possible that he could have been practicing law.

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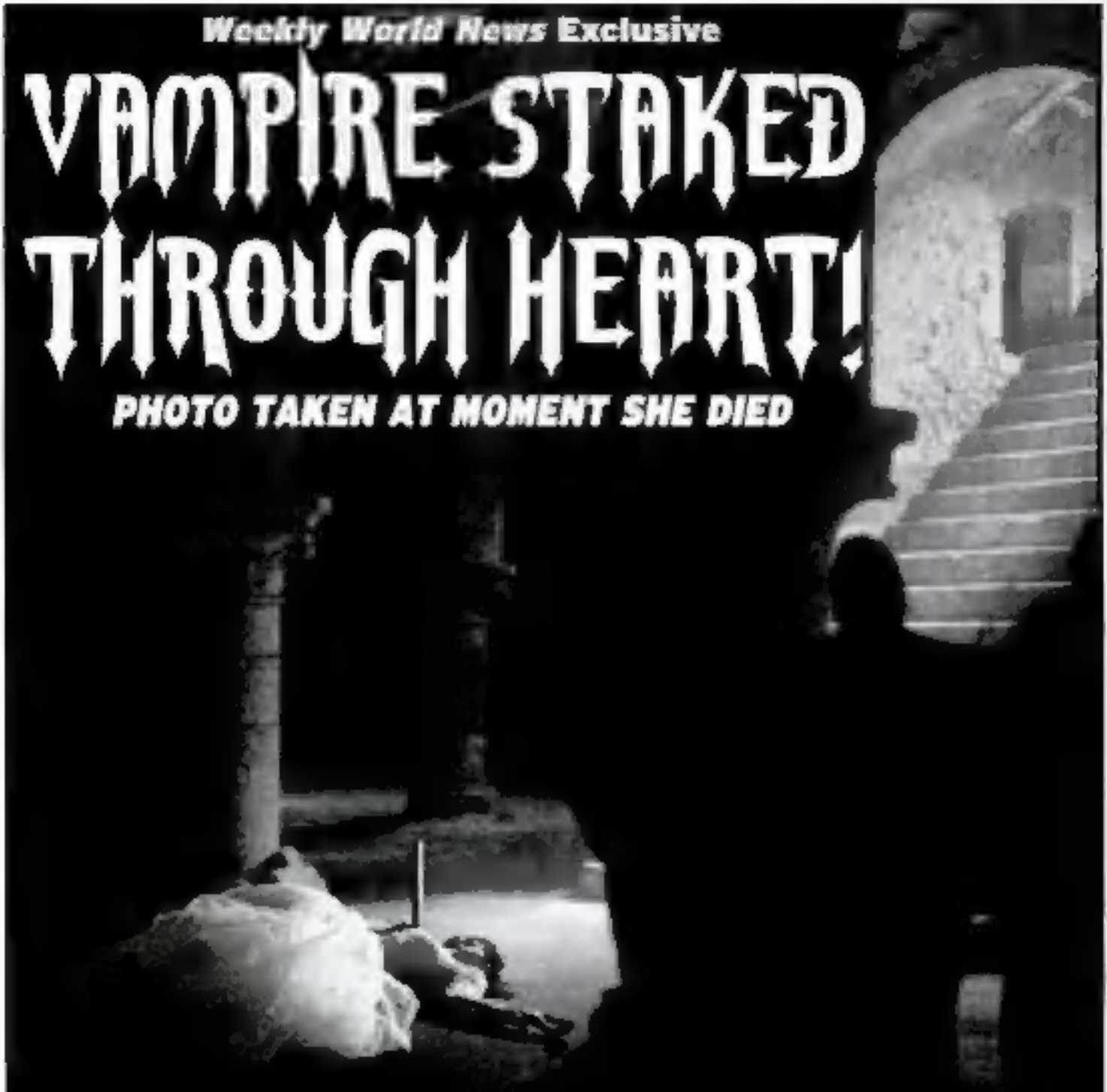
VAMPIRE STAKED THROUGH HEART!

PHOTO TAKEN AT MOMENT SHE DIED



VAMPIRE hunters report a stunning success on their most recent expedition: Not only did they kill one of the creatures at a castle in far-northern Transylvania, but they captured the entire thing on film!

"We were on this one's trail for weeks," says Dr. Andreas Moldonte, leader of the six-person team. "We finally cornered her just before dawn, as she was returning home from one of her feeding orgies in the village below.

"We were able to keep the vampire at bay until the rays of dawn filtered into the castle and weakened the creature.

"Then it was just a matter of driving the stake through her heart to kill her.

"It was simple, but not easy. This vampire happened to be a beautiful young woman. Despite her outward appearance, this was in fact a creature from Hell."

He says villagers have been showering the team with gifts to show their gratitude.

"But the real reward for us is the knowledge that, because of our efforts, there is one less vampire in

Gov. Schwarzenegger's brilliant plan:

SELL CALIFORNIA TO AUSTRIA

ROLLBACK: Gov. Schwarzenegger kept his promise to repeal the state's car-tax increase — which plunged the state $4 billion deeper in the red.

By MARLON THOMAS

— They're a lot smarter than Americans! They know how a country should be run!

CALIFORNIA Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger believes he can get the Golden State out of debt and on the road to unprecedented prosperity by selling it to Austria, his homeland.

"It's not as crazy as it might sound," says a flouncier with close ties to the tanned, pumping action-movie-star-turned-politician. "You can't actually sell a sovereign state to a foreign country, but there's no law against selling a majority interest in that state's financial and business affairs to anyone you choose.

"Austrians love their native son and they love the idea that he crossed the Atlantic as little more than a pumped-up muscleman and then went on to become one of the most powerful men on the planet.

"California may be bankrupt and getting deeper in debt by the day, but its economy is the eighth largest in the world — bigger than Australia's as a matter of fact. All Gov. Schwarzenegger needs to get it out of debt is a few hundred billion in investment capital and a little fiscal responsibility.

"Who better to provide that than Austrians, who are not only wealthy, they're disciplined — and much smarter than Americans. They know how to run a country right.

"And besides the governor is one of them. He's in a position to make sweetheart deals that will benefit both countries. Austria gets a new market for its goods and California gets the cash it needs to balance its budget and pay off its debts."

Schwarzenegger will neither confirm nor deny that he's planning to sell controlling interest in California to Austrian investors, but he has dropped a few hints.

Just days after he took office, the governor traveled to Austria and told reporters that if Californians were willing to sacrifice and pitch in, the state would be on the road to prosperity, and he envisioned a bullet train between Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

And he was heard quipping to aides over a working lunch in his office: "I've been talking to my friends in Austria and they have many ideas for making California great again."

When staunch Republican Schwarzenegger decided to run for governor of California in a heavily Democratic state, he vowed to reel in government spending while cutting taxes.

Although he did deliver on repealing the state's hated car tax increase — plunging the state $4 billion deeper in the red — he has reneged on many other promises while arguing that old-fashioned fiscal and spending solutions to the financial crisis are temporary.

"And now we know why he's been speaking so confidently," says a source in the state legislature. "The whole time he's been talking to American investors about buying the place."

Just how the plan might work remains unclear but the financial expert says that if Schwarzenegger wants to sell controlling interest in California there's no way to stop him.

SNOW JOB: Austrians manage their cold, snowy world with efficiency and discipline, experts say, and may soon get a chunk of sunny California.

"There's no law against investing.

In fact, he says investment capital from Austria is already pouring in.

"You won't read about the Austrian workers and pensioners rioting in the streets, but you will find more and more Austrian CEOs, consultants and supervisors in businesses that have dealings with the state or are run by the state," explains the expert.

"Government offices, utilities companies that provide contract labor and companies that bid on government jobs — this is where you'll see the Austrians will take control."

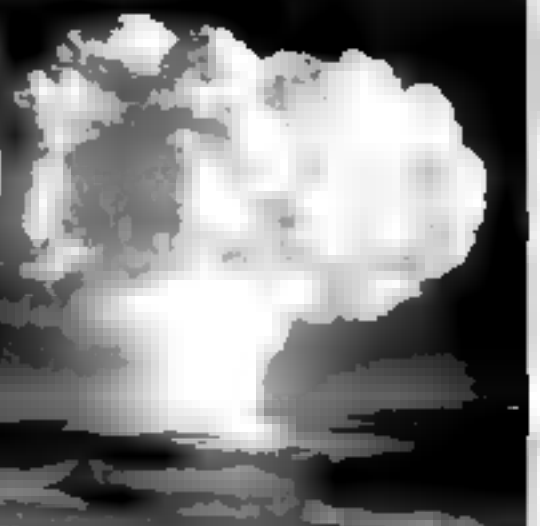
Austrian control will affect ordinary citizens, but a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley says the effect "could be substantial."

"California is known to be liberal and laid back, which are concepts very few Austrians understand," says the expert.

What you'll start seeing is more nudity and conservatism, first in the workplace and then all areas of life. How smoothly this transition might go, only time will tell.

"In the beginning, at least, I would expect to see some clashes when joy

MEXICO HAS THE BOMB



By RODNEY MEANS [illegible]

— & will stop making them in return for American jobs and Social Security benefits!

PRESIDENT [illegible] to [illegible] is easier for Mexicans to work in the United States had nothing to do with him thinking our south of the border friends are swell or need another handout.

He's trying to appease them because right under our noses, Mexico built an H-bomb — and threatened to use it.

"While we were running around Iraq looking for weapons of mass destruction that didn't exist, Mexico undertook their version of the Manhattan Project and built a nuclear warhead powerful enough to vaporize a large American city," says a CIA source in Washington.

"The president had some options for dealing with the problem, but he didn't have many. He could have threatened Mexico with economic retaliation, but when push comes to shove, there's no way he's going to launch nukes right in our own back yard.

"He could have threatened Mexico with economic sanctions, but what good would that do? Mexico is already dirt poor. The best course of action seemed to be appeasement, and that's precisely the course he took.

"Just days after he learned about Mexico's nuclear capabilities, he met with Mexican President Vicente Fox.

And behind closed doors, Fox agreed to dismantle the bomb and cease all weapons-making programs, including what is believed to have been the large-scale manufacture of anthrax.

"In return, Mr. Bush handed over millions of American jobs and agreed to give Social Security and retirement benefits to Mexicans who work for a few years or two in the U.S. and then go home to Mexico — which is all Fox wanted in the first place."

The White House angrily denies allegations that Bush "cut a deal" [illegible] over a bomb or anything else.

"The president has long understood the vital necessity of forging good relations with our Latin American neighbors," says one staff member. "If you'll recall, just days after his election, he proved it by meeting with President Fox in the Oval Office."

The post-election meeting with Fox did, in fact, take place — but political observers are quick to point out that the get-together was little more than "a run-of-the-mill photo opportunity" with little or no substance.

And it wasn't long before relations between the two countries cooled completely. When Bush asked Fox to support America's invasion of Iraq as part of a "coalition of the willing," Fox refused — on the grounds that Bush hadn't kept his promise to give Mexicans more jobs and clout than ever.

"The president was perfectly cool-headed about Fox's stance on this one issue because, let's face it — Mexico needs us a hell of a lot more than we need them," says a Washington source with ties to the Bush administration.

"All that changed when the CIA learned about the Mexican bomb. At first, Bush thought it was a big joke and mocked, 'How do you detonate a Mexican warhead, anyway?' Hang it from a tree at a birthday party and hit it with sticks — like a piñata."

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[illegible] on his staff when he kept referring to it as a 'sombrero [illegible]'."

Bush changed his tune, says the source, when CIA Director George Tenet showed him satellite photos of a particle accelerator and [illegible] manufacturing facility disguised as an automotive parts plant just south of Mexico City.

"Tenet also gave him strong intelligence reports indicating the bomb was powerful enough to vaporize a major city. Los Angeles and Dallas being considered prime targets," the source explains.

Once Bush was convinced the threat was real, he took "bold and decisive steps," continues the insider.

"He called off the search for WMDs in Iraq because he knew the story in Mexico's booth was about to break and he didn't want the public thinking that he was looking for holes on the 'wrong' side of the world, even though, as we all know now, he was.

"Then he announced his immigration plan which, when passed by Congress, will result in President Fox shutting down Mexico's nuclear program once and for all.

"As so often happens with Bush, he comes out of all this smelling like a rose. Polls are showing his popularity among Hispanic voters to be at an all-time high.

"Let's just hope Congress goes along with his immigration plan and gets this show on the road. Otherwise we're back to square [illegible] and Mexico will still have the bomb."

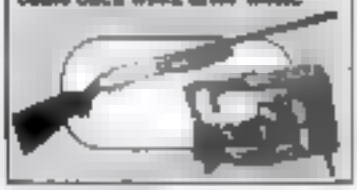
TV SHOOTERS

BUSINESS is booming at a firing range in Seattle — where folks can blow the light out of TV sets with rented shotguns!

"People still think TV is too stupid, too easy or too violent, so they're ripping it up," says the manager of the Fire Rock Shooting Range, who got the idea after reading a book that told how rock great Elvis Presley enjoyed shooting TVs in the 1960s.

"The guns rent for $20 and the black-and-white TVs we use are $25 each.

"Most people spend $40 to $100 letting off steam. And the funny thing is, some of them come back week after week."



Snip!

A HOSPITAL anticipates a massive lawsuit after a 26-year-old man was admitted for a minor hernia problem and wound up getting sex-change surgery by mistake.

The unidentified man was mistaken for a transsexual patient after charts belonging to the two patients were inadvertently switched.

The goof wasn't caught until the doctor had already been turned into a woman and the hernia operation on the transsexual was under way.

TWO-HEADED BABY BORN

A 43-YEAR-OLD woman who gave birth to a two-headed baby in Kabul, Afghanistan, on January 2 swears up and down the father is Osama Bin Laden.

But doctors say there's no way to confirm the claim unless the fugitive terror kingpin comes out of hiding and agrees to submit to a paternity test.

"He's the spitting image of Osama," admits one obstetrician. "Fifty years ago that would have been proof enough of the infant's

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FEED BLIND MAN WORMS!

TWO CALLOUS brothers [redacted] a blind man wants [redacted] in marinara sauce — to settle a bet that he wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the grotesque meal and a plate of spaghetti!

The sick prank might have remained a secret, but Albert Herrera, 17, and brother Colin, 18, unashamedly wrote about it for a high school science project.

"We weren't being, like, mean or nothin'," says Albert, a senior.

"It was kind of an experiment."

The brothers had spent several hours arguing over their blind neighbor, Irvin Klugh. Albert insisting that Klugh could be fooled and Colin maintaining it was unlikely.

"Finally, we decided to put some money on it to make it interesting, and we invited Irvin over for dinner that night. Our parents were out of town for the weekend," says Albert.

After receiving the $-and-change, together they called the police.

"The cops said that what the thirteen boys did was sick, but since they hadn't really broken any laws, they had to leave it at that."

And the results of the "experiment"?

Says Albert: "Irvin ate the whole thing, so Colin owes me a hundred bucks. In your face, Colin!"

BLIND MAN SHOOTS WIFE

AN 81-YEAR-OLD blind man who heard a burglar in the night pawed around and found the .45-caliber revolver he kept under his bed for protection — and blew his wife away.

Donald Kaestrasen won't be charged in the death of Mary Kaestrasen, 79, because the shooting "obviously was accidental," say cops in Cape Town, South Africa.

"It was ill advised for a blind man to go gunning for an 'intruder' he couldn't see," says homicide investigator Ralph Hawkes. "His poetic

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WE NEED GIANT SPACE

A RESPECTED Russian scientist has proposed [redacted] construction of a massive [redacted]ld in [redacted] between Earth and the moon — to [redacted] the world's werewolves forever!

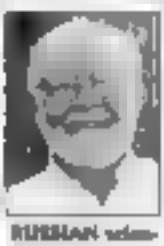
"By blocking [redacted] lunar [redacted] from reaching [redacted]rth, we can put an [redacted] to [redacted] scourge of lycanthropy, which [redacted] plagued [redacted] for thousands of [redacted], and [redacted] lives," declares astro-

[redacted] headquartered in [redacted] mirrors and weighing more than 20 tons, would be placed in orbit around Earth.

Its movements would be timed so that whenever a full moon occurred, light from the celestial body would be deflected away from our planet and into deep space, according to detailed plans submitted to the European Space Agency.

The beauty of the Yagansky Lunar Shield, says its inventor, is that while blocking moonlight, it does not interfere with gravity.

"The shield will have no effect whatsoever on Earth's [redacted]



RUSSIAN scientist Dr. Ivan Majesky thinks his space umbrella idea is just crazy enough to work

the proposal is [redacted] raised reviews at [redacted] the scientific establishment.

"First of all, there are no such things as 'lunar rays' — moonlight is simply sunlight bouncing off the moon," says a skeptical NASA scientist. "That's not even addressing the issue of whether werewolves exist."

The estimated cost of the project — close to $50 billion — at a time when governments worldwide are striving to trim their budgets also makes it impractical, he argues.

But not all of Dr. Majesky's peers dismiss the idea out of hand.

[redacted]tion that has been diagnosed by physicians dating back to ancient Greece," points out British astronomer Maxwell Brent.

"While there may be some dispute about whether or not people physically transform into wolves, there's no [redacted] that many poor unfortunates suffer the delusion that they've become beasts and attack others — and that the full moon is the trigger.

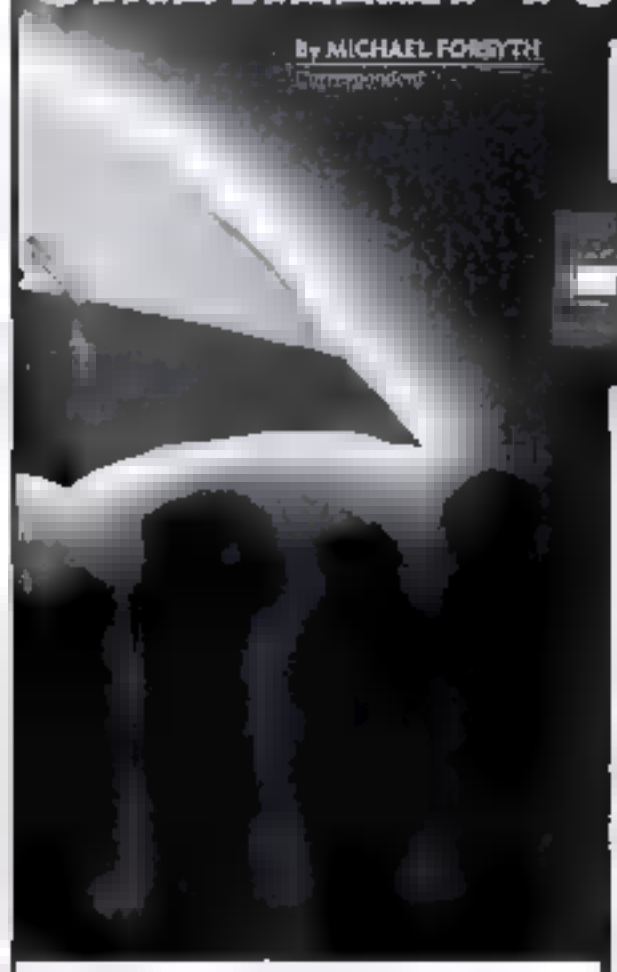
"Every year, thousands of innocent people worldwide are killed or injured as a result of such lunar-related criminal insanity. If we can prevent that from happening, wouldn't it be worth paying [redacted] any price?

If governments of the world do agree to go for-

UMBRELLA TO BLOCK MOONLIGHT FROM WEREWOLVES

= SAYS TOP SCIENTIST!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Correspondent



Completed in just 28 days, it won't mean we'll have to say goodbye to the moon forever.

Earth's natural satellite will still be visible during its other seven phases – the new moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, waiting gibbous, last quarter and waning crescent.

Only once a month during the deadly full moon — when the moon is completely illuminated by direct sunlight and the body's bright side is facing Earth — will the shield serve to blot it out.

"It will be possible to see moonlight over it," says Dr Nailfield. "But now we can enjoy the moon's beauty without its dangers."

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DUCKS OF THE DAMNED

By MARCIA PHILIPS

THE GATES of Hell are guarded by ferocious demonic ducks that measure 50 feet from bill to tail, say people who died and got a nightmarish preview of the afterlife before doctors were able to revive them.

That's the word from psychiatrists at the University of California at Berkeley, where 200 men, women and children who had a near-death experience between 1980 and 2001 all claimed to have seen the gigantic feathered fiends that also are known as the "ducks of the damned."

They nibble and peck at the souls of the damned and rend and rip [illegible] with the sharp edges of their bills like regulars at a chicken coop.

"There was [illegible]

"You better believe I'm changing my life now. I'm [illegible] every Sunday and I've given my life to Christ.

"There's no way I'm going back down there after what I experienced.

Demonic ducks of Hell's denizens' ducks are nothing new — Dante Alighieri in The Divine Inferno talked about them in his allegorical Christian theological treatise that he wrote in the 14th century.

"There is no greater deception than [illegible] dead experiences [illegible] Hell instead of coming up to Heaven and the Pearly Gates.

They are overshadowed by the hallucinations of the spectral beasts who saw the ducks. One of the patients [illegible] "I was in [illegible] and I saw [illegible] and I could [illegible] see before. He rescued them [illegible] from the Book of Life and banned them souls [illegible] to Satan.

"The duck's were terrible, even worse — they actually had the good manners [illegible] of these evil souls [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] the only thing that I could believe were the cute little things in my parka and snow boots."

Descriptions of the creatures [illegible] varied a little depending on the eyewitness's age and education, but it's clear they all were talking about the [illegible]

[illegible] something on the other side of a black [illegible] gate — says it was all a case of [illegible] heart stopped for three minutes after she accidentally hit herself with a defibrillator that she was trying to hand off to a doctor.

"I was being pulled toward the gate by an unseen force. I was powerless to fight it.

"As it drew me closer, the ducks waddled out to greet me, or so I thought. But they didn't greet me. They swooped at me and battered me with their bills.

"I screamed in pain and when I did, it seemed like all the souls in Hell screamed at the same time, drowning me out.

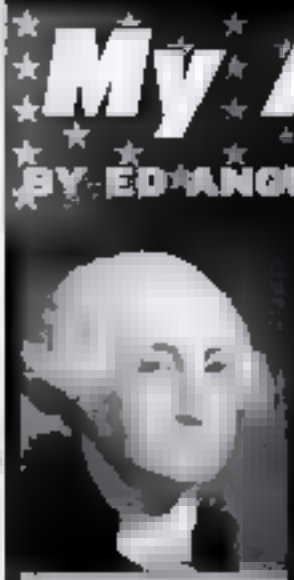
"The next thing I know the ducks had me in their bills and they were pulling at me like I was the rope in a tug-of-war contest. And then, thank

Even Washington & Lincoln weren't perfect, so . . .

My America

BY ED ANGER

HURRAY FOR HONEST GEORGE



HONEST GEORGE: Bush is every bit as squeaky-clean as Honest Abe Lincoln — if not slightly ill-kept.

No investigations in three years . . . he's running the cleanest White House ever!

I'M MADDER than Tricky Dick Nixon with a short-circuiting wiretap at all these Democrat skunks who are calling President Bush a liar because we haven't found any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill has come out saying the White House plotted to overthrow Saddam all along anyway!

Folks, our commander in chief is the most honest president this country's ever had. Why, we ought to start calling him Honest George by jimmy!

Three years into office, the Justice Department hasn't had to appoint a single special counsel to investigate any political scandals at the White House. Compare that to Honest George's sleazy predecessor, slick Willie Clinton. Just about every memb[illegible] the charges that Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy accepted illegal gifts; the disgraceful probe of Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros; the investigation into Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's influence peddling; Congress' probe of Labor Secretary Alexis Herman; the probe of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and that shady Indian gambling casino; to name a few.

Now the Democrats have to harp on the fact that when the smoke cleared, everyone was exonerated of everything. But as my pappy used to say, "Where there's smoke there's fire."

And they're forgetting that the Big Creep himself, Bill Clinton, was caught lying about having sex with Monica Lewinsky. Plus, fellow sleazechaser Cisneros ended up admitting he lied about exactly how much hush money he'd shoved out to his girlfriend and had to pay a big fine.

While apart from Enron bagging wads of cash with Dick Cheney and supposedly cooking up the nation's energy policy.

Does make a big deal about how Halliburton the company Cheney used to run got billions of dollars in government contracts without bidding for them. And of course there hasn't been a single White House aide fingered the wife of an ambassador. Joseph Wilson as the CIA spy after he criticized Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Heck, I can no one married to a traitor who bedrooms President Bush can be trusted to sit in the CIA. And how come a woman is doing dangerous spy work in the first place? She ought to be home barefoot up an award-winning cuisine and learning how to say, "What a lovely country you have" in different lan-

Honest George is running the most ethical White House in history — and Slick Willie had the most cor[illegible]

Liberals claim that dishonor belongs to Richard "Tricky Dick" Nixon for coverup of Watergate. But you never caught Nixon playing "hide the president's staff" with some chubby intern.

So unless that 18-minute gap in the Watergate tapes turns up and we hear Tricky Dick getting busy with his secretary Rose Mary Woods, Clinton will always be America's sleaziest president in my book.

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EXCLUSIVE POLICE BEAT

By JOE CRAFT
Crime Reporter

BLACK WIDOW KILLER CONVICTED!

A NOTORIOUS "black widow" was sentenced to life in prison for murdering her second husband. And she was accused of that crime just after beating a charge of trying to kill her third husband!

Lawyers say husband-hating Dora Thompson, 43, also was a heartless con artist who stole more than $670,000 from several lonely men — one of whom was dying of cancer — whom she lured with newspaper personal ads.

And her first husband didn't escape her plotting. In 1991 she got 12 months in prison for a fraud conviction, and had tried to implicate her husband in the scheme.

"Quite frankly, this woman is every man's nightmare — the most [redacted] woman I have ever met," [redacted]n Underhill, detective [redacted]ctor of the London police. [redacted]ude, she has targeted men sexually, domestically and physically.

"Men can sleep safe tonight, knowing she has been taken off the streets."

But it wasn't easy putting Thompson away.

She left her first husband to marry Julian Webb, who died in his sleep in 1994. Authorities originally thought he had food poisoning from eating bad curry at a Thai restaurant. The new widow also hinted that Webb had killed himself, claiming he'd been despondent about not being able to get a U.K. work visa so they could move to Florida.

Then, in August 2000, Thompson went on trial for trying to kill Husband No. 3, Richard Thompson, with a baseball bat and a carving knife.

She was acquitted, but police got suspicious. They dug up Webb's body and found a high level of lethal drugs in his system. They believed Dora Thompson had put the drugs in some curry, which was spicy enough to hide the bitter taste of the drugs.

She was convicted of Webb's murder and has begun her life sentence in prison.

"I hope she rots in jail," Richard Thompson says of his ex-wife.

'This woman is every man's nightmare,' say cops

CRIME BLOTTER

KIDNAPPERS DEMAND AUTOGRAPHS

A former beauty queen was grabbed by kidnappers, but they let her go after she signed a stack of calendars featuring nude pictures of her.

Lawyers in Valencia, Venezuela, say Veronica Ramirez, who was Miss Venezuela in the 1997 Miss Universe pageant, was mugged and taken captive on the street. The next day she was driven back to where she was after saying a few of her nude calendars in her car. They let her go after she agreed to sign the calendar photos, and ran off with the easy ransom.

Ramirez, who was held for about three hours, was unharmed.

BOMB MADE HER JOB JEALOUS HUSBAND

A woman thought someone had rigged a bomb in her car trunk, but it turned out to be a tracking device set up by her jealous husband.

Police in Klagenfurt, Austria, say the 40-year-old woman reported finding suspicious cables in the trunk. They brought in a bomb-defusing robot that destroyed the device, and then found it was just a computerized tracking system. The husband, who's in divorce proceedings with his wife, admitted buying the gadget.

RAP SHEET

FLEA DEAL IS JUST THE TRICK FOR TRICK DADDY

SOUTH FLORIDA kids will get a rap star they like when Trick Daddy Dre and his partners in crime bring the Flea Rock Tour to Miami's Bicentennial Park on Saturday, July 28.

Daddy Dre and his partners, best known for their hit song "Nann," will be entertaining fans with their brand of hip-hop, which often deals with the dangers of drugs and guns, after getting in trouble over drugs and guns.

The rapper, whose real name is Maurice Young, was arrested twice last year in the Miami area on drug and weapons charges, including aggravated assault with a firearm, felony possession of cocaine and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A spokesman for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office says Young pleaded guilty in a plea deal that keeps him out of prison. In exchange, he'll make 24 free appearances at high schools in troubled inner-city neighborhoods.

Include Thug Life, will try to steer the kids away from the violent troubles he's faced on the street. They booked him in state prison for 30 months, after a 1991

DOPE OF THE WEEK

MAN WAS DRUNK AT DRIVING TEST

A NORWEGIAN man flunked his driving test on a pretty basic section: He was drunk when he showed up for the exam!

The 50-year-old was trying to get a truck-driving license. His examiner says she thought she smelled alcohol when he got behind the wheel, but let him start the test. An officer says the driver was given a breath test for alcohol, and "the light went red as soon as he blew."

Cops charged the man with drunk driving, and made him take the bus home from the testing center. Not only did he not get his trucker's license, he was ordered pay a fine.

They showed up as he was finishing the test. An officer says the driver was given a breath test for alcohol, and "the light went red as soon as he blew."

BIGFOOT'S LOVED ONES TO SLAP POLICE WITH WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT

Grieving family spokeswoman Jane Hairy Back says relatives are risking exposure to stop the senseless slaughter!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH

THE BITTER controversy surrounding the Montana Bigfoot shooting flared to new intensity when the family of the Sasquatch slain by [redacted]-way patrolmen announced plans to clobber the state with a $50 million wrongful death lawsuit!

"The police acted with reckless disregard for life when they resorted to lethal force," blasts environmental activist and attorney Carrie Millwater of Butte, who represents the family.

"This gentle giant, a devoted father with a mate and three cubs at home and no record of past violence, was shot in the chest 36 times by members of the Highway Patrol who at no time in the encounter identified themselves as police officers," she says.

"Their hasty reaction was either due to panic or malice."

The fatal shooting on the outskirts of Beaverhead Rock State Park, reported in the December 30 issue of *Weekly World News*, was initially described in heroic terms by the two cops, who said they brought down the 7-foot-tall, "foaming-at-the-mouth" Bigfoot in a hail of gunfire after it chased a pair of terrified hikers through the woods.

The officers' version of events was confirmed by shaken park visitors [redacted] Robyn Rampling — and bolstered by a prominent Bigfoot researcher who suggested the lumbering manbeast was probably bent on raping Robyn.

Although the Montana Highway [redacted] refused to officially confirm the shooting even took place, a union leader angrily denounced the lawsuit.

"These officers acted well within department guidelines," [redacted] declared. "We ought to be pinning medals on their chests, not talking about lawsuits."

However, details that have emerged in a subsequent investigation cast serious doubt on the police claims.

Tracks at the [redacted] laboratories from New [redacted] walking — just 20 yards from the spot where the Bigfoot sprang out of the bushes, belying his massive size.

"There's a strong possibility the Bigfoot was trying to steer the Ramplings away from [redacted] British cryptozoologist [redacted], who initially espoused the sex-attack theory. "He may have been the real hero here."

[redacted] at the dead Bigfoot, other than that his name was Urgo and he lived in a remote section of Beaverhead. Urgo's extended family reportedly includes a number of [redacted] with success dating back a century or more.

Clannish and [redacted], Urgo's [redacted] their [redacted] heritage, living quietly in the rural counties near the park.

Family spokeswoman Jane Hairy Back, a Native American who claims to be third cousin to the slain Bigfoot, says relatives are stepping into the limelight reluctantly.

"We're not interested in the money — we want justice for Urgo," the bitereate 34-year-old declares. "This tragedy didn't have to happen."

The State Attorney General's Office declined to comment on the [redacted] office is confident the plaintiffs don't have a legal leg to stand on.

"There's every indication the officers acted in good faith when they shot the Bigfoot," he points out. "More fundamentally, a Bigfoot is an animal — which means bringing a wrongful death suit is impossible under Montana law."

But court-watchers say it's not certain a judge will toss the case out of court.

"If Sasquatches really have mated with humans in the past and produced fertile offspring, these primates are much more closely related to Homo sapiens than previously believed," one [redacted] said. "That

BIGFOOT was killed by Montana state police, who say he was attacking a pair of hikers. But he may have been trying to save the hikers away from danger, according to new revelations in the case.

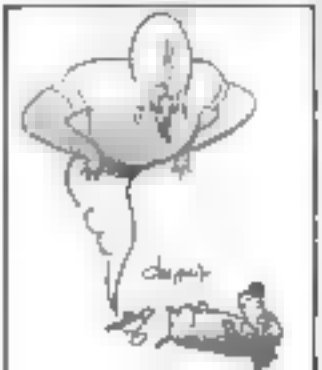
WITH PERMISSION OF WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

NEWS 'TOONS

"OOPS . . ."

"Being a husband means always having to say you're sorry."

"Did you know that art sells for a lot more after the artist dies?"



MORE TO LAUGH AT ON PAGE 11

By MICHAEL CHIRON

Don't leave Earth without them . . . NASA

NASA has quietly begun distributing free condoms to astronauts — because sexual encounters with aliens are at an all-time high!

That's the astonishing claim of a leading rocket scientist with close ties to the space agency.

"It's an embarrassing problem, but NASA is tackling it head-on," says Dr. John Micklebury of Pasadena, Calif. "NASA officials know that if astronauts contract a sexually transmitted disease that originates in space and is totally alien to our immune systems, and bring it back to Earth, the consequences could be catastrophic.

"We're talking about a plague that could sweep the world and wipe out the human race in a matter of months."

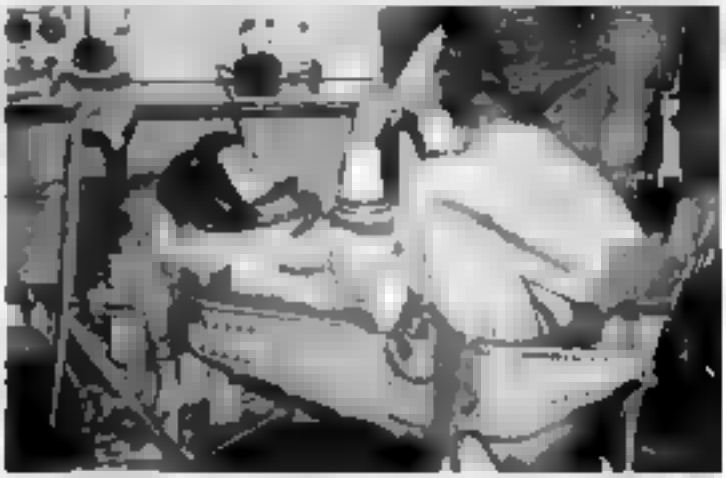
Tight-lipped NASA spokesmen refuse to confirm or deny the random report, calling it "not worthy of discussion."

But sources within the agency confirm that each astronaut will receive a box of prophylactics and a tutorial on how to properly use them prior to any future space missions.

"Officials at both NASA and the European Space Agency are very worried about the unknown risks that sexual encounters with aliens may pose to humans," says a NASA insider. "For now, the only precaution we can think of is to hand out good, old-fashioned condoms and pray they work with extraterrestrials."

NASA's move was prompted, insiders say, by widespread reports of a vodka-fueled orgy between Russian cosmonauts and a trio of curvaceous "space babes" aboard the International Space Station. Since then, several U.S. astronauts have revealed that over the past two years they, too, enjoyed wining, womanizing and whoopee while serving their country in space.

"The stories that have come back are truly amazing," says the NASA insider. "Guys say these alien females are extremely uninhibited — they'll try anything with anyone. Add to that zero-gravity conditions in which otherwise impossible bedroom acrobatics are a piece of cake and increasingly long space missions during which guys are away from their furni



COSMONAUT has difficulty even learning how to use a condom in zero gravity.

GUTLESS FRENCH

By MIKE FOSTER, Correspondent

President Chirac vows not to fire a single shot when invasion

IN A SHAMELESS display of cowardice, gutless French President Jacques Chirac has quietly radioed a message into space announcing that his country has "unconditionally surrendered" to space aliens!

The move took France's allies totally by surprise — especially since the extraterrestrials have not yet given any indication that their intentions are hostile.

"It would be irresponsible to wait until the threat is imminent to take action," Chirac explained in the 22-minute speech, broadcast at 1:15 p.m. Paris time on January 11.

"We are acting now to ensure that our cities and our culture are preserved."

France was prompted by the stun-

HANDING OUT CONDOMS TO ASTRONAUTS

E.T.s so they can practice safe sex with aliens!

DISPOSAL STILL A PROBLEM Alien women are "incredibly unattractive ... they'll try anything with anyone," says a NASA insider. Scientists now are tackling the tough problem of condom elimination. Left

RADIO THEIR SURRENDER TO E.T.s

7 CONGRESSMEN ARE ZOMBIES!

SEVEN members of the U.S. House of Representatives are zombies. But they blend in so well, no one — in either the House or Senate — knows who they are

AT LEAST seven U.S. congressmen are boot-licking zombies controlled by Haiti's supersecret AIH intelligence agency, but here's the clincher:

Nobody can figure out who they are because the living dead — with their shuffling gait, wrinkled skin and glassy stares — are indistinguishable from all the senior-citizen politicians on Capitol Hill.

So says the FBI in a frightening internal report that suggests the House of Representatives "could become a nest of zombies within the next 10 years . . . and the American public would be none the wiser."

"It's a serious situation with national security implications that do not bode well for our future as a free nation," says a senior FBI official who leaked portions of the report to journalists in Washington.

"By definition, zombies have limited mental faculties, no emotion, no free will, and they are only able to function at the behest of voodoo Haiti's intelligence officials have the power to influence votes on bills that serve or hurt Haitian interests.

"Unfortunately our investigation has been stymied by other lawmakers who look and behave in zombie-like ways because they are either senile or physically impaired or both.

"I don't have to name names here — you see them on the evening news almost every night. To get to the zombies, we have to weed out the simple elderly.

"But nobody wants to turn up on the front page of The Washington Post because they were interviewed in a zombie investigation. They're using all the power at their disposal to shut us out."

Nobody on Capitol Hill will publicly discuss the investigation that one insider privately calls "the hottest topic of speculation since everyone was trying to guess the name of Watergate's 'Deep Throat.'"

In fact, behind closed doors, pushing out the zombies in the House "has become a parlor game," the insider says.

"Everybody, on both the House and the Senate, is trying to figure who's undead and who just looks of their outspoken pro-Haitian involvement in the zombie scandal — "something we can only wish were true."

"Haiti has been forgotten for too long," explains one. "We would very much like to get our piece of the American pie too."

The FBI source says the agency caught wind of the problem when a former Haitian intelligence operative who entered the U.S. illegally was arrested for driving drunk and without a license — in Miami.

To avoid deportation, he agreed to tell the authorities what he knew about what he said was "a Haitian initiative to turn key U.S. politicians into zombies under Haitian control."

He went on to say that "at least seven" U.S. representatives "have been transformed" by powerful drugs and voodoo rituals "that were administered against their will."

What happens next is anybody's guess, but the FBI hopes that after the application of pressure through private channels, the House leadership will see the light and agree to cooperate with the investigation.

"Once we are able to ask questions, we will get answers," says the FBI source. "Until then, our hands are tied. And that means here are every walk of life, including the living dead."

— By JOHN BUSH

ZOMBIE FACTS

- Zombies have only basic mobility and motor skills. They typically cannot run, and cannot operate heavy machinery, computer machines or door handles.
- Zombies have only one weakness, their heads. Damage the brain and zombies almost always fall over and stay dead.
- Zombies lack the extremely long periods, usually between one and two hours, considered by several hundred years to be necessary for the process that should will not have a zombie in it.
- Zombie bites are always fatal to the victim, if a person bears resistance who was bitten by a zombie, he or she should have to the hospital and kill the victim.
- Zombies are usually restricted

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN, IN-YOUR-FACE COLUMNIST

SHE SAYS...

"I have a Jack Russell [terrier] who's so cute, there's this one girl in Japan who dresses up like my dog and comes to concerts. This girl has a Web site devoted to him."
— Pop singer Mariah Carey
VITAL STATISTICS —
Born: March 27, 1970, in New York City. Height: 5 feet 9 inches. Eyes: Brown. Hair: Brown. Marital status: Divorced

MY CRAZY HUBBY THINKS HE'S A DOG!

He peed on the couch ■ tried ■ hump ■■ pastor's leg!

DEAR DOTTI: I have a terrible problem — my husband Frank thinks he's a dog. Last night he got down on all fours and lifted his leg on the sofa! He's been acting like this for weeks, and I'm about at the end of my rope.

When I try to talk to him about it, he just barks. And I certainly can't take him anywhere. A couple of days ago we went to a romantic restaurant and, when it took too long to get our food, he started growling at the waiter. You should have seen the way people were staring at us. But the very worst thing was when our pastor stopped by to visit, and Frank started humping his leg! Talk about mortifying! There's no way we'll be able to show our faces in church anymore, that's for sure. Please, Dotti, tell me what to do. — Doggone Upset in Grand Rapids

Dear Doggone Upset: You're in a big city — there should be plenty of dog obedience schools close by. Check the Yellow Pages.

But in the meantime, muzzle Rover!

Stupid neighbors won't mind their own business

Dear Dotti: Why are some people so nosy? I've got neighbors who've got nothing better to do than sit around and give me grief about my single status. I'm a 30-year-old woman who's been married and divorced twice. I'm not looking for a husband, but I do like to have a boyfriend. Is that a crime?

Every time I bring a man home, my neighbors start gossiping about me. I'm sick of it. I've told them to mind their own business, but they don't seem to get the message. Should I move? — Fed Up in Fairbanks

Dear Fed Up: Sadly, busybodies are a fact of life. Ignore them and they'll eventually get bored and move on to someone else.

Or, if you're really fed up, you could always move to a new neighborhood.

If I get one more photo of my grandson I'm gonna scream!

Dear Dotti: My daughter-in-law keeps sending me more and more pictures of my grandson. I'll call him "Scooter." He reminds me of a pup with worms, if you know what I mean. She sends so many pictures that in order to find space to display them, I'm having to take down some photos of myself with my bowling trophies. If she has any more kids, I won't have room for anything else in my house. Do you think I should send her my bowling pictures? Then maybe she'd get the message. — Another Fed Up Dad in Bloomington

Dear Fed Up Dad: Your grandson's not worth a pimp cup of his grandmother's time if you're going to be selfish and fail to take your share of the responsibility for your children and grandchildren.

My perfect man's a perfect mess

Dear Dotti: I've been married for 10 years to a wonderful man. He's kind, considerate, loving and a great father to our two children. He's also a perfect mess. And everything was going great — until we got intimate and started sleeping together. He has a bizarre gas problem! Every time we make love, right at the big moment he eats the cheese. Needless to say, this doesn't exactly make for a romantic evening. I love him, but I can't take it anymore. Dotti, what should I do? — Blown Away in Florida

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Crazy in Love: You're not crazy in love, you're just plain crazy. Look for a restraining order in the mail any day now, psycho.

Dear Proud To Be An American immigrants are what made this country great, dog-gone. Go stick your head in a septic tank.

Dear Disgusted in Beaverton: I agree that your relatives are insufferable idiots. Move somewhere far away, have your name legally changed, and don't look back.

Dear Pathetic in Tucson: If you can afford a call girl, knock yourself out. If not, I guess it's just you and Rosie Palmer and her five cats.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

FOUND!

AN EXCLUSIVE PEEK INTO HIS STEAMY

SADDAM Hussein may be cooling his heels in the custody of U.S. troops, but his ardent gay love for "hubby" Osama Bin Laden still burns with a fiery passion — and the Pentagon's got the lurid, smuggled love letters to prove it.

"It's a tribute to Saddam's resourcefulness that he managed to find a way to get love notes delivered back and forth between him and Osama, despite the fact that he's supposedly being held incommunicado by our own troops and the CIA," says a U.S. military source in Baghdad.

"It's a part of the reason he was able to retain power for so long. Part of his control was based on pure, ruthless brutality, the other half on shrewd scheming and the ability to make the impossible happen against all odds.

"And like Saddam or not, you have to give him credit.

"Under lock and key in solitary confinement, watched around the clock by teams of heavily armed guards, Saddam — seemingly with no more trouble than it would take to communicate with your next door neighbor

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In his secret diary, Saddam talked about Robert — the shaved ape baby he shared with Osama, the good times they used to share together and how the "Great Satan" George Bush rubbed them of their joy.

[redacted] the Great Satan who tore us apart' and to express his disgust over the president's surprise trip to visit American troops in Iraq on Thanksgiving Day.

"He also talks a little about Robert, the chimp that he and Saddam took under their wings and have been treating like a son since they professed their love for one an-

According to the source, after [redacted] regulars first became aware that Saddam had made contact with "somebody" when they noticed he was fingering a small white handkerchief with an "OBL" monogram while they questioned him about his past association with international terror groups such as Islamic Jihad and Osama's own Al Qaeda.

Because he had been both strip-

WHAT THE LETT

Saddam Hussein's love letters to Osama Bin Laden range from silly and adolescent, to lurid and "very, very gay," says a U.S. military source who has seen them.

In what is said to be the first note, dated November 10, just days after Saddam's capture, the Iraqi tyrant expresses his "deep and undying love" for the terrorist mastermind and says, "I miss you more than I do.

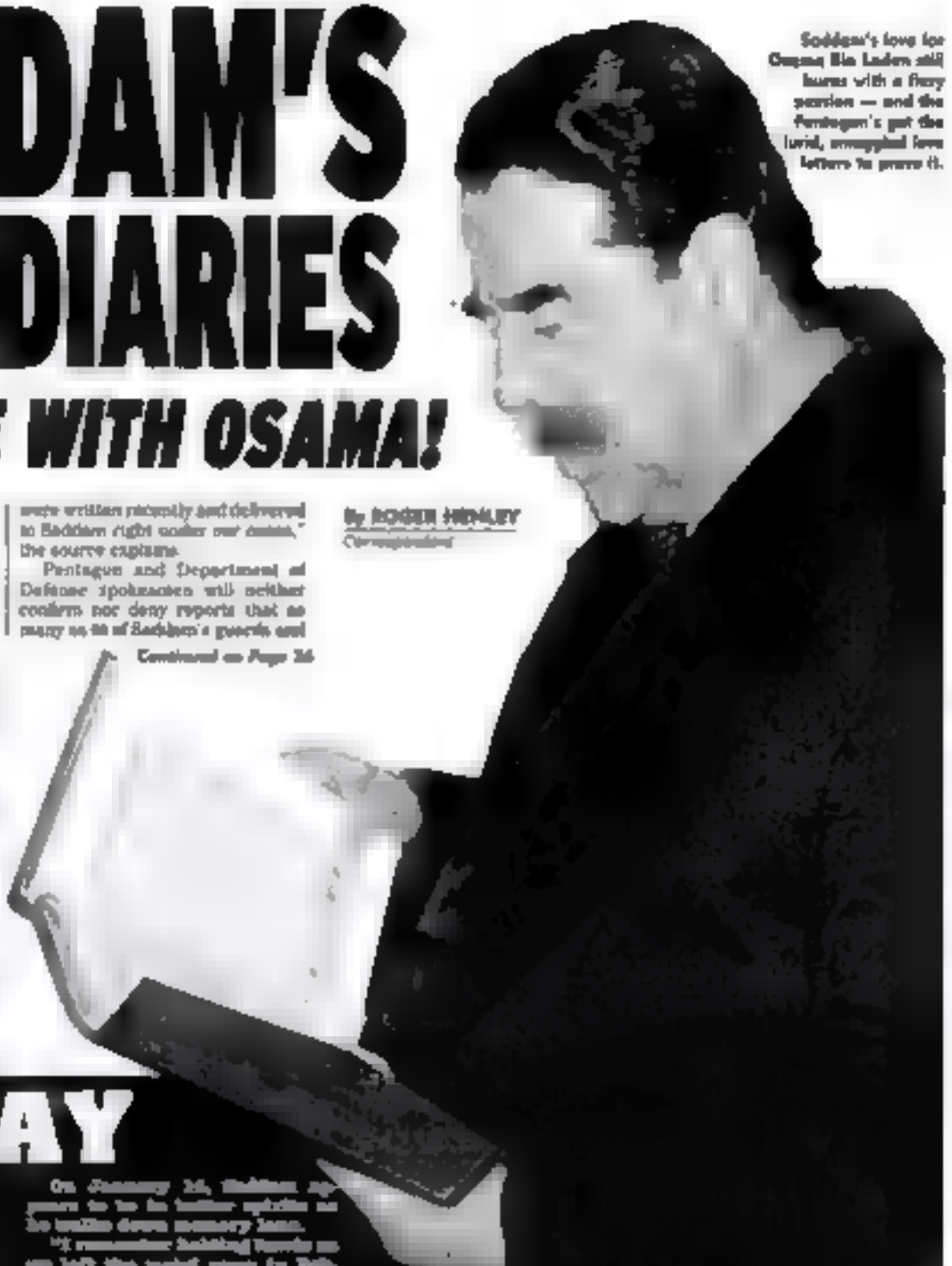
"It isn't easy sleeping nights after lonely nights in the tent we shared. I miss your warm breath, your loving caresses, your cherry-scented lips, and your hot tongue suckers."

In a letter dated January 8, Saddam seems giddy or drunk, alternately referring to Osama as "my precious and beloved Osama" and "my sexy, squishy pookie pook."

He also describes in lurid detail a particular sex act that

SADDAM'S LOVE DIARIES

ROMANCE WITH OSAMA!



Saddam's love for Osama Bin Laden still burns with a fiery passion — and the Pentagon's got the lurid, smuggled love letters to prove it.

By ROGER HENLEY
Correspondent

searched and body cavity-searched after he was found hiding in a "spider hole" in Tikrit, Iraq, last December, it was obvious that the colonel hated — which reeked of what the source calls "cheap gay cologne" — had been smuggled in from the outside.

"When Saddam tried to eat the handkerchief rather than turn it over, we knew it wasn't just any old keepsake — it had special meaning for him," continues the source.

"A search team later found seven love letters tucked behind a loose brick in his holding cell, all of which were penned in Arabic in Osama's trademark 'chicken scratch' handwriting and dated between December 11 and January 19."

Especially troubling, says the source, were Osama's references to events that have occurred since Saddam's capture, including Bush's shocking decision to give up the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

"That proves that the letters were written recently and delivered to Saddam right under our noses," the source explains.

Pentagon and Department of Defense spokesmen will neither confirm nor deny reports that as many as six of Saddam's guards and

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joyed in the recent past.

It involves several "items" that, according to a description in the letter, included a leather mask, a dog collar and a large, battery-operated sex appliance.

In yet another letter dated January 18, Osama thoughtfully invade Saddam, telling him that he is now sharing his bed with a male friend.

Osama eventually apologizes by saying, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I know it (Saddam's capture) isn't your fault. But my

On January 24, Saddam appears to be in better spirits as he writes down memory lane.

"I remember having lunch on an old tin roof in Kabul," he writes.

"I remember they all looked at me, not knowing what to think. They weren't sure if we were joking — or if we were gay. Now they know and as that would have it, we have been ripped apart.

"The next time in Aleppo. We will be one step. If not we finish,

SADDAM'S LOVE DIARIES

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interrogators have been reassigned in the wake of what's already being called the "Osamagate" love letter scandal.

But a senior White House source with close ties to both agencies says "at least that much" have been misplaced and "there may be court martials. The president is livid."

The notes, which one source "would seem to confirm reports" that the fugitive terror kingpin and Saddam "share the kind of deep personal relationship that was widely reported in the media last year."

That "deep personal relationship," of course, refers to the whirlwind gay romance that began in a Baghdad hotel room last spring and led to Osama and Saddam's stubborn beard wrestling last fall. The match, of course, prompted the happy couple to adopt Bobby's shaved ape baby, who they hoped would cement their relationship and make them "family" complete.

As Weekly World News and other sharp-eyed media reported last year, it was a photo of the baby ape Bobby in that outfit that led to Saddam's capture.

The tragic-yet-grand stormy denouement of the couple's love nest in southern France in a huff and return to Iraq after Osama accused him in a jealous rage of bringing a gay hunk on a hunting Al Qaeda bodyguard half his age.

Just days later U.S. troops yanked Saddam from a hole in Tikrit — and he's been in solitary confinement ever since.

"There's lots of speculation about the love letters," says the source. "At the Department of Defense, it's pretty much the consensus that the French may have helped get Bush to Saddam even though there's no evidence to prove it.

"But the Pentagon doesn't see it that way. Brass here think someone in the interim Iraqi government is behind the delivery, but again, that's pure speculation.

"For its part, the CIA admits it hasn't a clue. The agency is convinced that one of our agents was on the take.

"But even if we did know who delivered the letters, we wouldn't be in any rush to make an arrest. We'd be watching both very closely to see if we could use it to Osama. That would make all of this embarrassment worthwhile."

Meanwhile, says the source, interrogators are using additional time to use the love letters and keepsakes to "psychological pressure on Saddam.

"He does not like it that he's been outed, that letters and he wants them back," continues the source. "After analysts and most likely themselves, they quickly realized them to interrogators could use the letters to help make Saddam talk.

"In the last eight weeks or so, interrogators pulled a bait-and-switch with Osama's photograph and it really seems to have worked.

"They've pulled a love letter out of the same envelope and struck a match, acting like he was going to set the letter on fire.

Saddam's eyes almost popped out of his head. He was trembling with rage and for a few seconds it looked like he might crack. But he somehow managed to pull himself together and avert his eyes as if to say, 'Go ahead ... burn it. I don't care.'

But that's OK. It's not as if he's as possessive as a mama lion when it comes to Osama's hand-scribbled love letters. We can't blame him, he's not gay or anything, and we can't wait to get them back and wipe the stain of Saddam's pressure.

Speaking of which, Saddam will be put on trial as soon as Iraq's new government is in place. And when he does, he'll rather the date (wink, wink) with those letters."

THIS photo, taken earlier this year, shows Saddam and Osama sharing an intimate moment at a Baghdad spa.

THE BEST BAGHDAD BOB QUOTES OF 2003

IRAQ'S former Minister of Information, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf, better known as Baghdad Bob, kept us entertained throughout the otherwise dreary war. Here are some of his best lines:

- We will welcome them with bullets and shells.
- I speak better English than Bush, the liar.
- Big mouths — as usual — we will slaughter them all.
- Little Bush, this man is a war criminal, and we will see that he is brought to trial.
- There are not Iraqi soldiers at all. Where did they bring them from?
- We have them surrounded in their tanks.
- Yesterday, we slaughtered them and we will continue to slaughter them.
- They are nowhere near the airport ... they are lost in the desert ... they can not read a compass ... they are retarded.
- We shoot them ... and they run away ...
- There are no Americans infidels in Baghdad. Period ... I think guarantee you, there are no American soldiers in Baghdad.
- Our initial assessment is that they will all die.
- Britain is not worth an old shoe.
- The American army is all

THOUGH Saddam and Osama were the world's most wanted fugitives when together they were oblivious to the outside world.

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The Psychic Sabak Sisters

WHY IS MY SOUL MATE TRYING TO STRANGLE ME?

DEAR SERENA: Late last week I met my [illegible] soul mate. It was love at first sight. In fact, just seconds after we met in a supermarket checkout line, I asked Frederick to move into my apartment with me — and he accepted.

He came home with me that night and there wasn't a single awkward moment except when I woke up in the middle of the night as he was trying to strangle me. He said he was having a bad dream and I believed him. But the same thing has happened two more times since then — and I'm beginning to wonder: I know he's my soul mate, that can't be denied. The question is, is he trying to kill me — and if so, why? — Concerned in Cass Bay

Dear Concerned: Your soul mate is a demonic impostor — not your soul mate — glad he was, in fact, planning to kill you. I say "was" because as you already know, he fled in terror after I brightened and did tarot for you to read him a few verses from the Bible. Look for your true soul mate to pop up in March. But I wouldn't wait in advance — he doesn't speak English.

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Dear Sonya: If you're such a hot shot and real psychic like you claim, you are, tell me this. What's the sex of the baby I'm pregnant with — and what's the DATE, TIME, that unborn son is due? — Skeptic in London

Dear Skeptic: Before I tell you the sex of your baby, [illegible] but [illegible] because he she is [illegible] hermaphrodite and I'm not sure whether to call it a boy or a girl. Anyway, the thing that scares you to death is spiders, but what ought to be scaring you to death is that mole on your back. That bad boy is cancerous — and if I were you, I'd get it sliced off pronto!

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Dear Serena: My 13 year-old son is behaving strangely and I'm worried sick that he's taking drugs. He's lost interest in everything. His grades are going down the tubes. He's skipping school. He's even stopped hanging around with his best friends. I've asked him about drugs and he just shrugs and tells me to "get lost." Help me help him, Serena. His future is at stake. — Worried Mom in Broken Arrow

Dear Worried Mom: Your son isn't on drugs. He's suffering from a severe hormonal imbalance that's left him deeply depressed and [illegible] underworld given to you [illegible] mystical. My Spell of Physical Attunement will smooth things out for him. You'll see dramatic, positive changes immediately, and rest assured, his future is bright. I see him becoming America's first Native American vice president!

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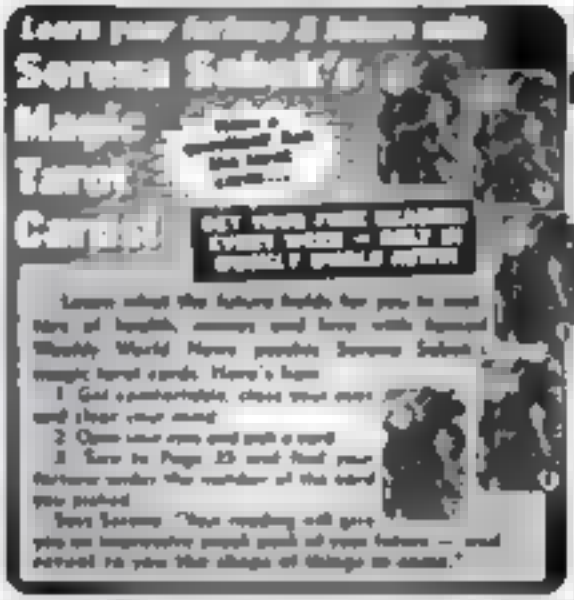
Dear Sonya: This might sound crazy, but a crow or some kind of blackbird is making my life miserable. Every morning it wakes me up by standing on my window sill and pecking at the glass. It's not like a little "peck, peck, peck," either. It's more like "PECK, PECK, PECK!" Then when I get up to open the drapes, it starts cawing and making all these whistling noises and fluttering around and making a big commotion. It's very creepy. It happens every day. And it's starting to scare me. — Bird Woman in Thomasville

Dear Bird Woman: Don't have a cow, girl — the only bird in your old friend Jackie from high school. Let your mind drift back to the death pact you made after your art teacher crashed. You both agreed that if there really was life after death, the first to die would come back and let the other know. Well, Jack's back — and for goodness sake, give him some seeds!



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30 Thyroid gland disorder
31 Ayer of India
33 Volcanic rock
36 Stand up to
38 Term of endearment
37 Pinnacles
38 Tarzan, e.g.
41 Medicinal plants
43 Sound the alarm
45 Duck swims
48 On the ocean (2 wds)
47 Clear soup
50 Sister's daughters
52 Actor Peter
54 Japanese-American
56 Ruby and Sandra
58 Rip apart
59 Dark breads
60 River side
61 Husky-powered vehicle
66 "— — home is his castle"
A way up
Engaged in espionage
Big hotel room
Spelunker's milieu
God of the netherworld
Small fish
Trick or treat time
Rampant with excitement
Social engagements
Mischief-maker
Tennis or golf
Sassy remark
That's a money
55 Small egg
58 Andrea Boccelli, for one
59 Carry along
90 Wigwam
91 Revolve
92 Fall back
94 Fluctuate
95 Certain fishing boat
98 Dish item
99 Where it's at
100 Without difficulty
104 Competitor
105 Courtroom happening
108 Corn — pipe
111 Passover ceremony
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114 Amahl's grp.
118 Drug bust, perhaps
119 Like better
120 Swiss or cheddar
121 Two of a kind
122 Typos
124 Get even
126 Wild hog
127 Evening reception
129 Caribbean Lauder
130 He followed Kennedy
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132 Refried veggies
133 Switch setting
134 Part of ASAP
135 Hot liquor
138 Messed up
140 Take a step at
142 Italian art center
145 Extremely happy
147 Bird of peace
148 Dry, withered
149 Kind of interest
150 Utters
151 Give in
154 Give it a whirl
157 Note from the boss
158 Baseballer Cobb and namesakes
159 Deviates
162 Disconnect
163 Paddle
164 He had the golden touch
167 Musical composition
169 Dinner discs
171 Window ledge
173 Presidential rival
176 High standards
179 Stage production
180 Obliterate, with out
183 Valentine charm
185 Bank on
189 Before long
190 Textile fiber
191 Metal fastener
192 Veggie container
193 Chewing stick
194 Type of drum
196 Theater waitstaff
197 Member of the electorate
198 Playground item
200 Shelter shelter (2 wds)
202 Dandi
205 It has banks in Paris
207 Middle East ruler
208 Felt sick
209 Knighted butler
210 Vaccine fluid
212 Dieter's bane
213 Goblet feature
215 Petals
216 Evergreen
217 Trot or canter
219 First person
221 Auditions for a part
223 Nursery toy
225 Private eye
227 Hawaiian hello
229 Sink hole
231 Tall story
232 "Dear" follower
234 More painful
238 Famous last words
237 Woeful wail
239 Agrees, concurs
241 Burrowing rodent
244 Gold diggers
245 Type of engine
247 Oak nuts
249 Cuba's capital
251 Return to custody
253 Famous fountain at Rome
Capital letter
Ambassadors
Pressure indicator
Brutish
Allude to
Sizes up
Fits covers

DOWN

2 Stud's place
3 Man of many words
4 Deceive, tangling
5 Fully aware
6 Hearse talk
7 Jerk
8 Greasy spoons
9 Hill builder
10 Regretted
11 Attack with a machine gun
12 Attractive men
13 Popeyed
14 Flower wreath
15 Involved
16 Trackless tracts of Asia
24 Intense anger
19 Ladies of Spain (Abbr)
20 German one
Ability
State of perfection
Ground breaker
Greek god
Crony
Viper
Send into exile
60's dancers from cribbage (2 wds)
38 Required
40 Jitters
42 Soft drinks
44 Below, poetically
45 Senior member
46 Cockeyed
48 Certain office worker
49 Funeral
51 It rises
53 Bay window
54 Secured with spikes
55 Division word
57 Hogwarts professor
63 "Til — do us part"
65 Causes
67 Novel idea
68 Applied the brakes
69 Turn sorer
70 Orange cover
71 Hollandaise, for one
72 Marmalade waterway
73 Extremely
75 Smudge
78 Eve spirit
82 Old suits
83 Eye drops
86 Hunter constellation
87 Seasoned soldier, briefly
90 Swap
93 Creepy
96 Speech impediments
97 "Happily — after"
101 Ventilates
102 Hot rice drinks
103 Acting tryouts (2 wds)
105 Southpaws
106 Fever indicator
107 What an omen does
109 Canoe propellers
110 Anniversaries
112 Bridle strap
113 Pretense
114 Measurable factor
115 Property encumbrance
117 Buck's mate
119 Decide
120 Drink mat
121 Crusty dessert
123 Change the color again
125 Gift recipient
126 Unruly kids
128 Extremely overweight
136 Oil of —
137 Delirium Tremens (Abbr)
138 Mt. Olympus residents
141 Cupid's Greek cousin
143 After Social or Capital
144 Verne's captain
146 Lifeboat crane
148 Mesa — National Park
152 Formally surrender
153 Knock it off
155 Skirt the issue
156 Look after
160 Lot attendant
161 Unwelcome plants
164 City official
165 Fade
166 Makes believe
168 Desert refuge
169 Tota saying
170 Veneer
171 Salvaged
172 Drink chiller
174 Olympic score
175 Some gamekeepers
177 Comes in last
178 Card game for one
179 School dance
181 Ruffles
182 Mr. Castro
183 Zoo enclosure
184 Sanchiu
186 Armor Jong
187 Las Vegas is here
189 Hawaiian goose
192 Celestial body
194 Highway sign
197 Soft fabric
198 Hell's head honcho
199 Flunked a polygraph
200 "Divine Comedy" poet
201 Oahu outrage
203 Middle East airline
204 Floor models, briefly
206 Hot coals
209 Signal from Ma Bell (2 wds)
211 Alleviate, relieve
214 Rock used for monuments
216 One of Santa's eight
218 Regal seats
220 Seattle ballplayer
222 Downy ducks
224 Landlord
226 Soap bubbles
228 Tribute
230 Buttons or Skelton
231 Herbal beverages
233 Heelin farms
236 Terminals
237 Jeans man Strauss
238 Inter— among other things
239 Bal payment
240 It's a long story
242 Therefore
243 True to life
246 Stage decor
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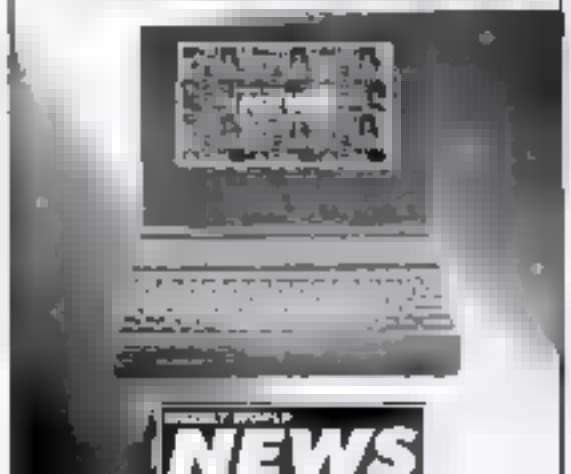

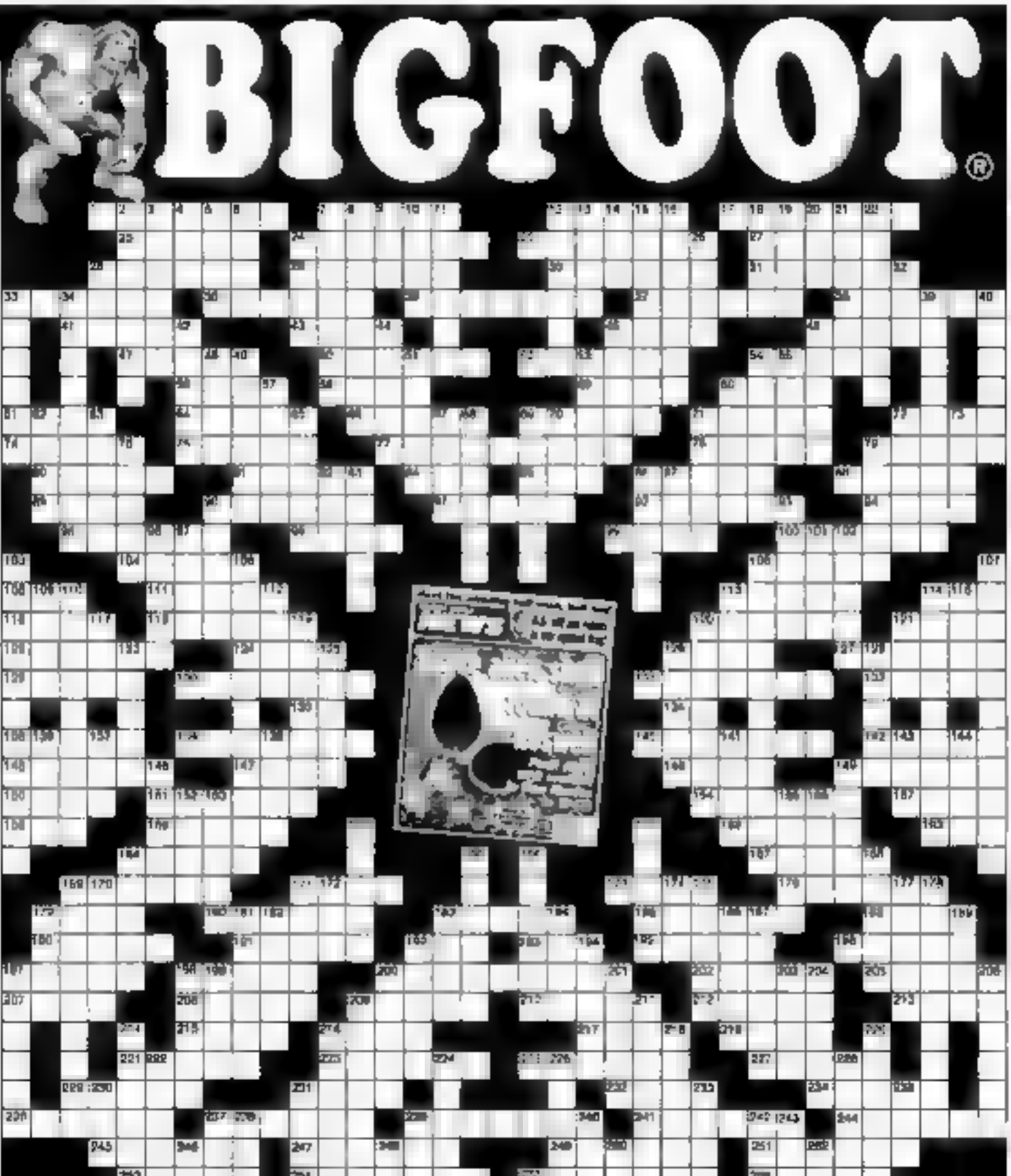
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NOSING AROUND

LOOKS LIKE these two have figured out a pretty good working relationship: You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. The cooperative critters are at a park in Budapest, Hungary, where it looks like a fight soon has started to fall. Could this picture set off a round of rabbit fur?

Darth Vader prompts Kim Jong Il [illegible] with [illegible]

I'LL GIVE UP NUKES FOR *STAR WARS* MOVIES

BY MICHAEL CHRISTY

IN SECRET talks, unstable North Korean tyrant Kim Jong Il has offered to shut down his nuclear arms program and allow U.N. weapons inspections unlimited access to his country — if he's given a sneak preview of *Star Wars: Episode III*.

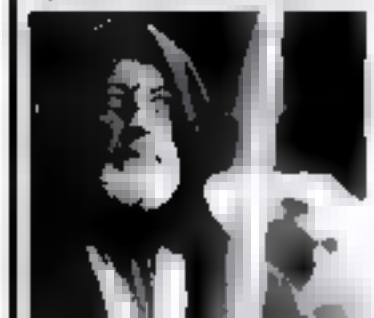
U.S. negotiators were dubbed [illegible] when the dumbstruck, wild-haired strongman said he would give up his nukes in exchange for a chance to see the upcoming installment of the popular sci-fi saga not due to hit theaters until May 19, 2005.

When Kim told us his primary demand was that he must see *Star Wars*, we first thought it was a misprint in the Strategic Defense Initiative — that he was saying he'd surrender his nuclear capability if he could be protected by the space-based missile defense shield America is developing," says a Bush administration official involved in the high-stakes bargaining sessions.

"When we ought to clarify the [illegible] talking about a Hollywood movie, we were simply stunned. It's almost unbelievable that one person has the power to make that kind of decision on the fate of Iran with its nuclear threats for the next year or two and we're left to a world [illegible] obsessed with night sabers and the Force."

Yet to Far East experts familiar with the extremes to which dear comrade Kim Jong Il has gone in the past, the bizarre demand comes as no surprise. The depraved dictator once kidnapped South Korea's most famous film star, Choi Eun Hee, and her movie producer hubby, Shin Sang Ok, and forced them to make propaganda films for him. [illegible] they finally escaped nine years later.

"Kim [illegible] action movies, spy movies, horror movies," Shin Sang Ok recalls. "When I [illegible] 50 [illegible]



KIM Jong Il, top right, strongly identifies with ruthless Star Wars villain Darth Vader, above

[illegible] Jong Il's son and Heir Apparent [illegible] Kim Sung Ae, [illegible] Kim Hyon Hui and James Bond.

In more recent years, Kim's taste has turned to action/adventure. His personal collection includes [illegible] and rare memorabilia such as a life-size [illegible] and a complete set of Stormtrooper [illegible] action figures and even a signed copy of William Shatner's "The Transformed Man" — that treasured album on which the Star Trek captain warbles "Mr. Tambourine Man" and "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds."

Footage of Kim and Darth Vader [illegible] Kim has been [illegible] in Star Wars in [illegible] at least a decade.

Kim actually identifies with Darth Vader, the murderous villain of the original Star Wars trilogy," the British expert explains. "Since the third generation was born on Mount Anakin Skywalker succumbs to the Dark Side and [illegible] with Kim would have an [illegible] attitude."

U.S. negotiators — who had feared Kim's terms might be impossible to [illegible]

[illegible] will agree to give the [illegible] a highly covert sneak peek at the film.

The plot of the next Star Wars movie is one of the best kept secrets in Hollywood. Kim Jong Il may be [illegible] to know what happens next, but we are not [illegible]," says a studio insider.

"We don't want details leaking out that will spoil the film for American moviegoers."

FLYING MICE HERE TO STAY!

FLYING MICE have finally made their way from the jungles of Papua New Guinea into the United States, says an expert — and it's only a matter of time before the creepy critters turn up in your house.

"They sailed in on an unusually strong Pacific wind and with few natural predators, they're here to stay," says a zoologist at the University of California at Berkeley.

"They spread filth and do all the things ordinary mice do but they are much more difficult to kill and catch. Cats won't eat them because they have a strong, foul odor that makes them unpalatable."

The thumb-sized rodents evolved with small, furry wings that enable them to "hop and fly" for short distances. "About 30 to 40 feet per launch," says the expert. The powerful wind that brought them to the U.S. "was a fluke," he adds. "The kind that pushes seagulls and pelicans from coastal areas into Kansas."

WORLD'S BIGGEST DINO TYPE FOUND!

EXCITED scientists have unearthed the world's largest dinosaur dung pile — a towering pile of poop the size of a 7-story building!

The Smithsonian-led team discovered it in Alberta, Canada, and found a ton of evidence including giant eggshells and eight-foot bones mixed in the stinky pile — a stash of undigested dinosaur snacks from — a find that delighted paleontologists and "absolutely was

WEREWOLF CULT PREYING ON TEENS

A DANGEROUS were-wolf cult is recruiting alienated teens, luring them from their

BIG ROW OVER BARBIE WITCH DOLL

OUTRAGED religious conservatives are blasting the toy giant Mattel for its latest incarnation of Barbie — which depicts the beloved doll as a teenage witch!

Hoping to cash in on the popularity of TV shows like Charmed, the company unveiled Secret Spells Barbie last Halloween. Wearing a sparkly "Charm Girls" jacket, the bewitching beauty comes complete with a wand, spell book and even a cauldron for mixing magic potions.

But Born Again Christian groups charge that inviting little girls to play with such a doll is opening the doors to paganism and playing right into Satan's hands.

"Barbie has always dressed like a harlot and now she even casts spells, both going against God," fumed one enraged fundamentalist.

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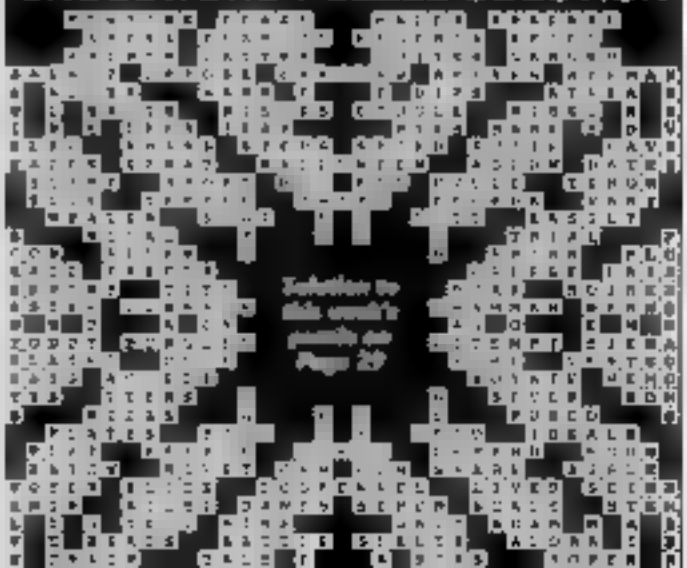


YOUR FAMILY JEWELS CAN MAKE YOU RICH IN 2004!

Deprived millionaires looking for a few well-endowed guys!

By VICKIE YORK
Correspondent

GOOD NEWS, guys! Your genitalia can make you filthy rich — even if you're only modestly endowed!

Thanks in part to the world wide epidemic of "bobbleing" by pudgy wives, coupled with breath taking advances in reconstructive penile surgery, wealthy but cute who've lost their reproductive organs to frostbite, accidents or the knife are now paying outlandish sums to donors willing to part with their wedding tackle.

"Men with huge hunks of hot pulsing all or part of their genitals are shelling out as much as $5 million for a healthy penis and up to $3million for a single testicle," reveals mad Ipal surgeon Steve Bandaloz of Boston.

"There's desperate and in many cases they'll settle for even a smaller-than-average replacement part."

In many cases, the prospective transplant recipients lost their organs to wives who caught them in extra-marital affairs. In other instances, they were consumed in freak accidents — for example, a 42-year old Texas millionaire whose penis was literally fried off when a downed power line fell into the deep

"There are also victims of penile or

WHO wouldn't spend a small fortune on replacement parts to please a gal like this?

Hanaszyk.

In rare cases, negligible males who have fully functional penises but extreme undersized genitalia are shelling out enough to acquire willing to trade.

"Then generally super hung men experience an embarrassing medical condition in which the male member is as little as 2" or an inch," Pundulo notes. "For a typical man who employs thousands of people and has a net worth in the billions, that's just not acceptable. He needs something in his pants to match his

hang-over-the-mantel financial reward."

Many of the donors are underprivileged guys who are hopelessly in debt. Others simply have lost interest in sex.

Dr. Ivy of Los Angeles has no regrets about letting a 32-year old movie mogul have his penis for a cool $3 million.

"All that he transplant ever did was get me in trouble," says the 36-year old now retired harmonizer.

Roger H. of Chicago says that donating his right testicle to a philanthropic fat cat was the smartest deal of his life.

"The doctors pointed me that having one testicle won't affect my sex drive and I'll still be able to have kids," says the 36-year-old

Penile and testicular transplants are technically difficult and have only become feasible thanks to advances in microsurgery. Surgeons have to reconnect hundreds of tiny blood vessels and nerves.

Beyond that, the ethics of genital transplantation are baffling doctors in an increasingly hot topic debated at conferences by doctors and medical ethicists.

"I have many wealthy patients who've lost a testicle to cancer who will ask me about the transplant," says a St. Louis physician. "I always encourage them to instead try a prosthesis that will be inserted in the scrotum."

"But for some reason, vanity perhaps, many still have a hang-up

CARNIVAL RIDE TO HELL

PEOPLE GO IN BUT DON'T COME OUT!

By RANDOLPH DAY/Correspondent

AN EVIL carnival ride that yanks shrieking passengers into the bowels of Hell and then dumps them at the cloven feet of the hissing, grinning Devil is making the rounds in the United States.

And if you value life and your everlasting soul, says a paranormal expert, you won't get on a ride any time, anyplace, without a Bible in your hand, a picture of Jesus in your pocket — and a crucifix around your neck.

"That may be your only protection against a supernatural 'amusement' that goes by many names, including the Funhouse of Fear, House of Horrors and the Devil's Maze," says author and paranormal investigator Wilson Slater.

"People who buy tickets roll into a rickety old plywood building on a contraption that looks like a roller coaster, just as they would on a normal ride, but they don't roll out.

"And there's no way to anticipate where it will turn up next. It's apt to pop up anywhere at anytime as it moves around the country, shadowing legitimate carnivals and fairs, materializing on the far ends of the midways where ordinary roller coasters, Ferris wheels, Scramblers and Tilt-A-Whirls are wheeled in on flatbed trucks and assembled by human hands.

"It suddenly appears and then disappears after it delivers its load of fresh and unsuspecting souls to Satan. Carnival workers know all about it but they seldom discuss it with outsiders or even among themselves.

"Carnival owners keep quiet too [illegible] ride [illegible] the [illegible] fairly aren't [illegible]. But they have [illegible] that because [illegible] people get scared and stop coming to carnivals, they're out of business.

"But they know the truth, even if they won't tell it. There's nothing fun about the ride. It's a [illegible]

[illegible] Slater, [illegible] only one person [illegible] an 18-year-old girl from Little Rock, Ark., has ever emerged from the dreadful ride.

She is now severely brain-damaged and can't talk, see or hear. But [illegible]

For a few days in the hospital after she was found writhing on the ground in a carnival's parking lot, she could still talk," explains the expert.

"All she could say was, 'Don't take me, Devil. Don't take me, Devil. Don't take me, Devil,' over and over again. Psychiatrists agree that she suffered severe trauma and horror — over what they can't agree.

"But I've had six psychics try to empathic spiritual link with the girl and they are convinced the child saw Hell. She was seen. And for some reason, he let her go.

"But who could look at the hideous horrors of Hell and keep their sanity? It's obvious that what [illegible] [illegible] destroyed her eyes and her mind. And all the people who were on the ride with her and all those who went before her are still there."

Law enforcement agencies nationwide confirm that unusual numbers of people have gone missing around carnivals over the past few years but they have no explanation and were hesitant to even consider that the disappearances might have had something to do with a supernatural phenomenon.

"They're trained to deal with mundane facts that reconcile with the world as it appears most of the time," says Slater. "Unless and until they open their minds to supernatural phenomena, they'll never be able to figure out what's happening. And that means anyone who goes to a carnival is at risk.

"That's why it's a good idea to carry a Bible or the Koran or wear a crucifix and carry a picture of Jesus when you go to a carnival.

"It may be the only way to protect yourself from [illegible] the [illegible]

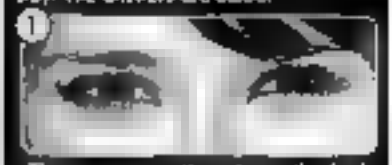
DEAD OR ALIVE?

He was spirited. He was precocious. O.K., he was a brat. But everyone loved the young title character of *Dennis the Menace* (1959-63), even grumpy next-door neighbor George Wilson. Based on Hank Ketcham's popular comic strip, the show got laughs from the all-boy energy of Dennis — who sometimes won forgiveness for his mischief week after week. Back, from left: Gloria Henry (mom ALICE MITCHELL) and Sylvia Field (smart grandmother-ly MRS. WILSON). Front, from left: Herbert Anderson (dad HENRY MITCHELL), Jay North (energetic DENNIS MITCHELL) and Joseph Kearns (good ol' MR. WILSON)

Gloria Henry is 80. Sylvia Field died in July 1998, at age 97. Herbert Anderson died in June 1994, at age 77. Jay North is 52. Joseph Kearns died of a heart attack in February 1962, and was replaced by Gale Gordon as Mr. Wilson's brother, John. (Gordon died of lung cancer in June 1995, at age 89.)

MYSTERY EYES

Below are close-ups of two men and three women whose eyes give them a distinctive look. We'd LOVE it if you figured out their NAMES in time for Valentine's Day! The answers are below.



WHO ARE THEY?
1) Dennis Day's boss
2) Jeanette Day's singer
3) Doris Day
4) Doris Day
5) Doris Day's husband

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NEW TACTICS

Love: If committed, you may have to compromise with your partner in ways you never have. If single, think carefully before giving up your hard-won space to someone new.

Money: Major changes in your financial situation are on the horizon. Consult an expert for advice before making changes, but trust your own instincts as well.

Health: If you've been putting off dealing with that "minor" problem, now's the time to get it taken care of before it leads into a major illness.

Card No. 5: 4 of Swords
UNDERSTANDING

Love: Your partner's been distracted, but your patient understanding will soon bring all the attention back to you. Singles will find that a divorce and/or marital woes may be their empty blessing.

Money: A downturn will not hurt you if you keep your head and refuse to panic. Seek steady growth, not overnight riches. Talk to an expert if necessary.

Health: Full recovery is in sight after a long period of difficulty. But don't go back to your old habits. You'll stay in great physical condition if you keep up the good work.

Card No. 1: Hanged man
CONSEQUENCES

Love: You need to start paying more attention to this part of your life, or you may find loved ones drifting away. Remember that a healthy relationship must be nurtured in order to thrive.

Money: Cut back on your spending and give the credit cards a rest. And don't stay home to start saving for a rainy day — balance shows should start gathering.

Health: If you've been feeling sluggish and tired lately, it could be your diet. Your doctor may be able to refer you to a nutritionist.

Card No. 2: 7 of Swords
NEW PATHWAYS

Love: If single, you'll find a new love interest is about to capture your heart. If committed, your relationship gets a boost like a second honeymoon or addition to the family.

Money: You'll soon receive a new source of income doing something you enjoy. Spend some of it to pamper yourself or take a much-needed vacation.

Health: You're feeling great — so much so that, with new knowledge or a new treatment, any diet or fitness routine you have now will be a success.

Card No. 4: World
TREAT YOURSELF

Love: A sexy, charming newcomer is about to enter your life and shake up your routine. Go ahead and have a little fun, but keep your feet on the ground. It won't last long!

Money: You'll soon get a small windfall — a bonus at work, an inheritance or stock dividend. You can splurge on a treat with this "found money."

Health: Take a break and trade your jogging gear for some dancing shoes this weekend. It's a great workout for both body and soul.

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NEW SPORTS CRAZE:

GEEZER DRAG RACING

By KAYE ROSEBURG

THEIR CARS RUN ON HIGH-TEST . . . AND THE DRIVERS RUN ON FIBER!

FROM Florida to California, senior citizens as old as 90 are burning rubber in their powerful Cadillacs, Buicks and Lincolns — and worried police warn it's only a matter of time before some of them get killed.

Drag racing for doddering drivers began in New Mexico and quickly spread to the rest of the country.

"Basically a bunch of elderly guys get together and find a quiet road somewhere where they can compete in drag races," explains a Florida highway patrolman.

"Just a week ago one of our officers clocked two seniors doing 130 in their Cadillacs. When they were stopped and questioned, one of them ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... cars.

"That old timer won a race near Miami and the excitement was too much for him," the Florida cop says. "If the craze continues, we expect more fatalities."

Some speed-freak seniors like Howard "Big Dog" Stearns are reliving the fun-robbing days of their teens. "I feel like I'm back with my old car club again," says Stearns, 64.

But many of the oldsters were famous drivers in their younger days — men like Morgan Hamilton, 75, who barely drove the speed [illegible].

Now with their days numbered, Hamilton and other aces in the [illegible] ... are [illegible] ...

[illegible] ... "What if I have to have a [illegible] ... in a race," he demands. "The bird was [illegible] ..."

Competitors wear full racing gear, including crash helmets, and many are having their cars specially tuned for the events. Often their souped-up vehicles are adorned with artwork that reflects a bygone era — with pictures of long-dead movie stars like Rita Hayworth and Betty Grable plastered on the hoods.

The oldsters' high-speed exploits have won them many admirers. He made crowds [illegible] local senior centers [illegible] to the races.

"Some grannies even toss their panties at the racers," says a Phoenix [illegible] ... several ...

the high-risk sports. Relatives of the racers are asking authorities to put the brakes on geezer racing.

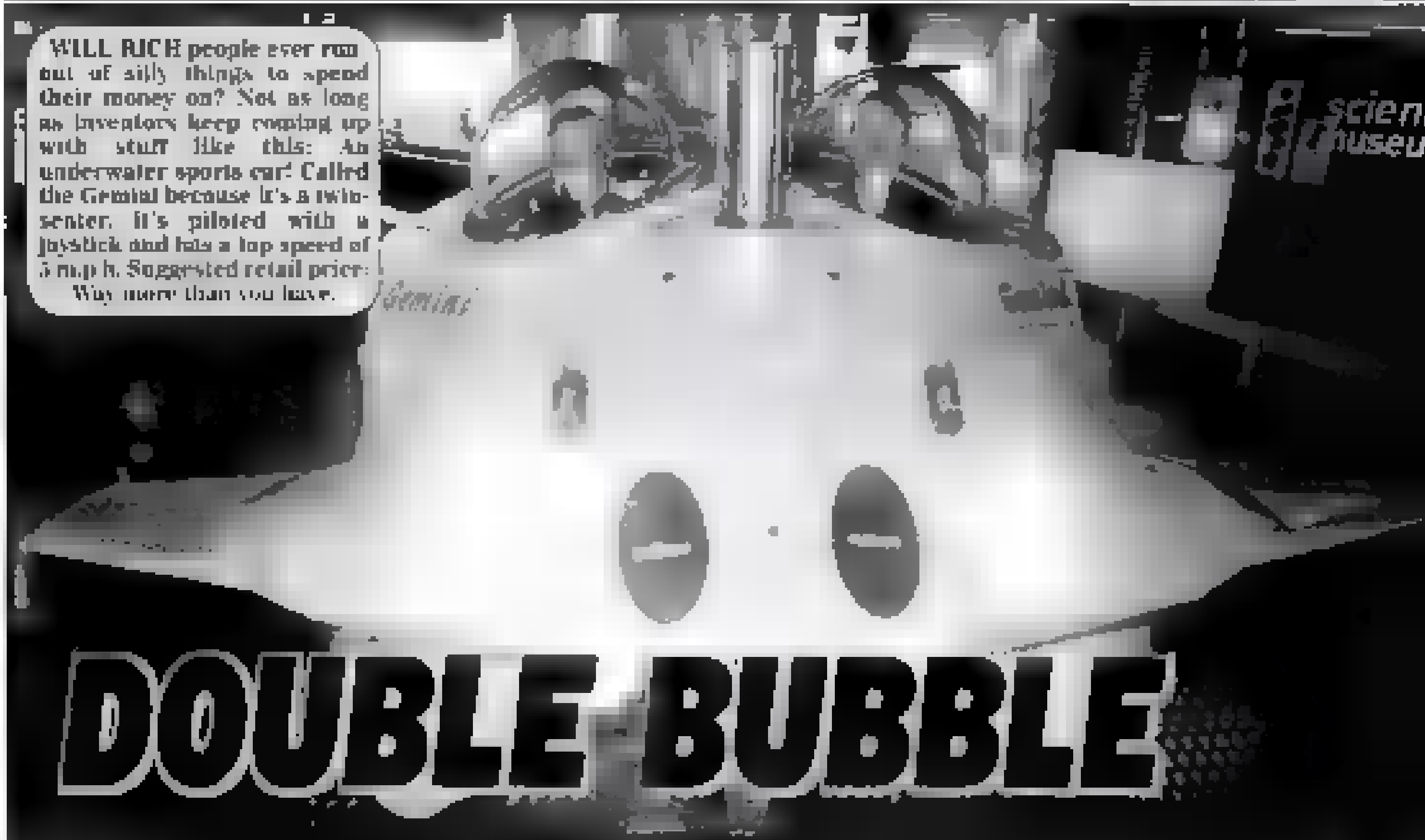
"Grandpa is out there roaring down the road at 120 m.p.h. and he thinks he's Paul Newman," says worried Lisa Smith of San Diego. "I'm afraid he's going to be hurt."

Government highway experts say that most senior citizens are not capable of safely operating an automobile at such speeds.

"Their peripheral vision is generally poor, their reflexes are slow — they simply don't belong behind the wheel of a race car," declares highway safety expert Fred Johnson. "With hemorrhoids they're always complaining about, I don't see how they even sit that long."

But advocates for seniors say the elderly have every right to drag race into their 90s and beyond.

"Obviously these people have proven that drag racing is a sport ...



WILL RICH people ever run out of silly things to spend their money on? Not as long as inventors keep coming up with stuff like this: An underwater sports car! Called the Gemini because it's a two-seater, it's piloted with a joystick and has a top speed of 5 m.p.h. Suggested retail price: Way more than you have.

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GURIAN'S WORLD OF [illegible]

By JEFFREY L. GURIAN
– New York Correspondent –

MAN LOSES LEGS TO TIGHT PANTS

Steve Hrabetsky has been wearing extremely tight pants since 1973, despite radical changes in fashion, and he has finally paid the price.

According to Hrabetsky's physician, Dr. Mortimer Zuggstein, "Steve was caught in what might be described as a 'vertical time-warp.' He never stopped dressing exactly the way he did in the 1970s when he was a 'disco maniac.' I warned him of the consequences, but he just wouldn't listen. The lack of circulation caused gangrene, and we had no choice but to remove his legs.

"Even his expressions were from the '70s. My grandmother is hipper than Steve. Let's see how 'groovy' he is now!"

HIGHEST ACHIEVER TO COLLEGE

Ten-month-old Wiley Marshall is by far the youngest student ever admitted to Australia's Flinders University, or anywhere else.

Born with the ability to speak, the [illegible] genius repeatedly granted [illegible] his mom and dad in the delivery room and thanked them for bringing him into the world. He then went on to thank the doctor and staff for their role in his birth.

Dr. Henry Thornton, head of the maternity ward at Bruce General Hospital where little Wiley was born, said he had never seen anything like it before.

"At first," he said, "I thought the father was a ventriloquist who was throwing his voice, but then I saw the baby's lips move, and I felt chills go up my spine."

Wiley's professors say they try not to treat him any differently than they do any of the other students, except for the fact that they tend to hold him when he pees, and often help him to potty his pooper.

Man rules knob with Q-Tip

Bank robber Thaimdon Bragg favored a Q-Tip into the ear of a bank manager in Labrador City, Newfoundland, and [illegible] "quite really hard" unless the manager opened up the vault. Bragg got [illegible]

By MARGIE MAYESS/Correspondent

500-POUND OPERA SINGER SEES RED WHEN TENOR EATS LAST MEATBALL

A BIG FAT opera singer was charged [illegible] assault and hauled off to jail after she gored a tiny tenor with her [illegible] hat.

The vicious attack unfolded after a performance [illegible]'s opera *Don Rhemgold* as the cast was sharing a celebratory [illegible] of spaghetti [illegible] balls backstage.

Witnesses say the brawl erupted when 6-foot-3 tenor Giuseppe Verona, 38, forked up the last meatball from the serving platter and dropped it on his plate.

Five-hundred-pound soprano Helga Von Kluge, 52, took exception and charged him — head down — like a bull in a ring.

"She blew through her napkin, lowered her head and charged Giuseppe," says one witness to the drama in Milan, Italy.

"She chased him all around the stage and finally nailed him when he cowered against a wall.

"She gored him with her horns in the chest and even in the groin, and the poor little man was squealing like a pig from pain and fear."

And the fat lady wasn't through yet.

Cops say Von Kluge badly gored three police officers before they managed to yank off her horned hat and blonde wig and bend her to the ground.

The temperamental singer, who is acknowledged to be one of the world's finest operatic sopranos, told Weekly World News: "Giuseppe shouldn't have taken the last meatball. I was very hungry and I had my eye on that meatball myself until he selfishly swiped it from right under my nose.

"I admit I gored him, but he deserved it. I really only grazed him anyway. I could have done a lot more damage if I had wanted to. In fact, I checked on him at the hospital and he was back to his old self — complaining about the food and demanding more attention from the nurses.

Von Kluge is known for her erratic temperament and unpredictable mood swings that have become increasingly frequent as she approaches menopause, her agent admits. But she seldom gets into trouble because she packs opera houses with fans who pay premium prices to hear her sing, so colleagues tend to overlook her tantrums.

The attack on Verona was different because police were involved. And because she didn't go to jail willingly, she faces multiple charges, including assault and battery inflicting serious bodily injury and resisting arrest with violence.

Under Italian law, she faces fines of up to $50,000. She also could be sent to prison for up to 10 years, but that's unlikely because of her international celebrity.

Assuming she stays out of jail, Americans will get a chance to see the star in July, when she embarks on a U.S. tour performing *Don Rhemgold* for audiences here.

It is unclear whether the lesser known but respected Verona will make the trip, however, because after Von Kluge's blowup, he's angrily telling friends that he "might not want to work with that fat cow again."

"If not Giuseppe, then someone else — perhaps my old friend Pavarotti," Von Kluge told Sebastiano Vaticini, our correspondent in Rome.

"It really doesn't matter who comes

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LIFE separated childhood sweethearts Bob Marcus and Cynthia Toler when they were teenagers, but death brought them back together 40 years later — when they bumped into each other while visiting the graves of their dead spouses.

The geezers, who are now in their 60s, tied the knot three weeks later near their homes in Auckland, New Zealand.

Miracle of the teenage Jesus

THOUSANDS of teenagers claim to have been cured of everything from depression and leukemia to obesity and zits after touching an image of what many believe is a teenage Jesus.

The image of what looks like a classic depiction of a blue-eyed, long-haired Christ — without a beard — mysteriously appeared on a wood-paneled wall in a high school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, a few days after Christmas.

According to newspapers, students who touch it are reporting miracles within hours or even days. The most dramatic was that of an 11-year-old girl who had been recently diagnosed with incurable childhood leukemia — doctors confirm she is now in full remission and free of the disease.

"The image basically appears to have an effect on adults or infants, only teenage children," says Catholic priest Father David Morales. "Pope John Paul is most interested in these occurrences, as we all are."

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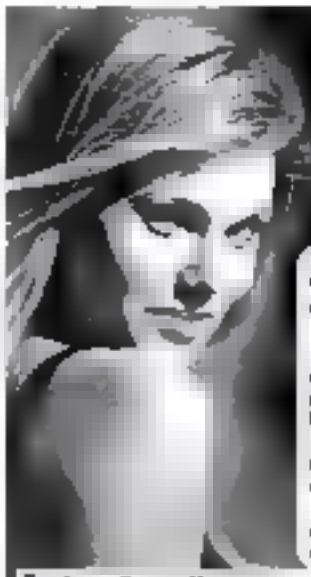

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

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SCORPIO	10, 18, 20, 23, 36, 47
SAGITTARIUS	11, 15, 24, 25, 37, 41
CAPRICORN	2, 23, 40, 48

ARIES

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

A random contact in the next few days may result in a major change in your life. Stay open to new experiences, however unorthodox.

You are the kind of a child and most of the love you shower on this youngster will not be wasted.

Your store promos fall propagate this week so long as you don't park a large car in a small garage.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 - May 20

Be steady, think carefully and make the choices to make money at any expense.

This is a good time to help loved ones with their problems — even if they don't want it.

Make the effort to contact family and friends and find out why they haven't contacted you. Before you meeting, cover the room for hidden speakers.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

Your luck is likely to improve dramatically this week and you'd be wise to take advantage of it by risking it all.

Your ability to make quick decisions could prove to be an important asset when a friend shows up unexpectedly and needs help and sympathy. Just don't throw pearls before swine. They may choke on them and leave you with the bill.

CANCER

June 21 - July 22

An unusual opportunity may come your way this week and you should be ready to act fast. Get advice from strangers if necessary, but hurry or you might miss the boat.

Stubbornness could get in the way of a good time — however morally questionable. Watch for men in black-and-white uniforms. Those uniformed men aren't worth the paper they're written on.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

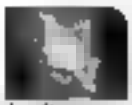
Continue delaying a showdown show that you're shrinking.

You've had a real struggle keeping things together in recent weeks but it's not your fault. You've about to climb the final mountain.

A long [illegible] restriction will be lifted. Seek out a close friend of the opposite sex you enjoy being with and allow yourself to be embarrassingly candid.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



Don't feel bad about unloading your worries. After all, what a few, you're the life of any party!

Load up the weekend with adventure. Your sensitivity to others' needs may leave you vulnerable to those unmet of your ability to manipulate any situation.

Beware of friendly overtures from those who can't give you what you need.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Petty little problems and loose ends will have your blood pressure rocketing. Don't worry, it will all work out — or completely collapse.

Face the weekend with a smile on your lips and a glow in your belly.

Confidence holds you in good stead as you approach those to change with a new idea. Remember, they called Dracula crazy!

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

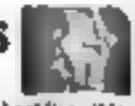
The power of your positive thinking will be contagious and help you get unexpected approval.

There's been some petty bickering among friends that may become a raging feud. Pay both sides against the middle.

A trip to the mall proves to be lucky as you get an unexpected treat. Just be sure to wear clean blue socks!

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



Being helpful could backfire this week. Someone you try to aid may mistake your interest as a way to boost your stature at their expense.

To sidestep a clash, avoid the number 69.

Help by giving spontaneous suggestions based on whatever comes to you at the moment. Clean your plate before someone else does.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

A special romance finds you especially attractive at this time. Make sure this person is as old as they claim to be.

Controversy and disputes could be everywhere this week so make it and start swinging!

There's a real possibility of scoring a K.O. if you join the battle — and that's something you desperately need now.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

A split-second decision could bring new adventure into your life. But a glance will only alter a reason to pull the plug.

If the urges to have that sense of the pleasure, you're no one to blame but yourself. This is the week to add flash to your wardrobe, subscribe to a magazine or rekindle a fantasy romance with a gap year!

PISCES

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

Your smile — or your flatterers — always seems to light up a room, so let 'er rip.

A wild story could spell trouble if you allow yourself to tell it. Your lucky numbers [19, 3, 44] could be especially important now.

You may announce a blow to your self-esteem, but don't despair — it happens to most people at least once.

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THE VOICE in the AOL greeting "You've got mail!" belongs to Elwood Edwards. The tiny country of Monaco covers only 350 acres. Margaret Mitchell's first novel was *Tomorrow Is Another Day*, until her editor changed the title to *Gone With The Wind*.

That's just a sample of astonishing trivia reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week.

Here's more

● Legendary designer Coco Chanel named her signature perfume Chanel No. 5 because 5 was her lucky number. She decided to add more luck by introducing it on May 5 — the fifth day of the fifth month. It must have worked — Chanel No. 5 is the world's best-selling fragrance.

● The exact measurement of the inch was decreed to 1324 by King Edward II of England, who ordered that it be equal to the length of three barleycorns.

● Actor John Barrymore had 100 different birds, dozens of Siamese cats and 12 dogs. The pooches included 11 greyhounds, several St. Bernards and a few Kerry blue terriers. He also had a monkey, a few opossums and mouse deer. And you thought his granddaughter Drew was weird.

● Does counting sheep cure your insomnia — picture the pleasant green meadows they graze in. Researchers at England's prestigious Oxford University say people who do that fall asleep 20 minutes faster than sheep counters.

● Sir Isaac Newton, the pioneering physicist who discovered gravity, was called "idle" and "inattentive" by his teachers. His mother had to be talked into letting him to study at a university instead of running the family farm.

● New York was the first state to put photos on its driver's license — in 1984.

● Jimmy Stewart stayed in the military after World War II, even as he continued acting. The movie star rose to the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

● Do Americans think looks are more important than brains? In 2000, we spent $78.6 billion on beauty products and services, and a $68.1 billion on education.

● The moon is a furnace at midday and a freezer at night. On the equator, it's 243 degrees at noon and 381 degrees below zero at night.

● A cumulonimbus cloud — the tall, flat-looking kind — can grow to six miles across and 11 miles high. That's twice the height of Mount Everest.

■ The national PTA — Parent-Teacher Association — was called the National Congress of Mothers when it was founded in 1897.

● Wondering where those extra pounds came from? Check your weekend snacks. The average American eats an extra 345 calories a day on the weekend. In a year, that can add up to five new pounds.

● Sports historians have traced roller skating to the early 1600s when an unknown Dutchman sought to find a warm weather equivalent to ice skating. He decided to attach wooden disks to shoes, after a short period of refine-

A 1997 poll claims that the average person has seen *Star Wars* 6.7 times since it first came out in 1977, either on TV or in a theater.

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By KATE McCLARE
Correspondent

The kiwi can't fly, is nearly blind, and lives in a hole in the ground. But tough New Zealanders made it their national bird — maybe because it's a real survivor. It lays only one egg a year, but has been around for 70 million years.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S!

An equestrian polo team has four players on horseback. A water polo team has seven players.

Actor Orenthal Cain, the leading man in TV's Luis and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman, was signed to play professional football with the Buffalo Bills after his graduation from Princeton. However, he injured his knee three days before his first professional NFL game. The unfortunate injury forced Cain to pursue a new career.

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roller skating became a popular pastime in Holland. The sport got its start in North America with the introduction of the steel wheel with ball bearings.

● DNA was discovered in 1953 by James Watson and Francis Crick at Cambridge University.

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YUM! RAW CAMEL!

By PAT CANNADY/Correspondent

Japan pardons Iraq debt in return for sushi bar rights

RAW DEAL: Yukimo Tokiro, "the Sushi King," is pushing for Iraqi franchises of his upscale restaurant chain.

THE HEAD of the Iraqi Governing Council, Abdel Aziz al-Hakim, could settle a huge debt for his country if he bites on the plan.

HUNGRY Iraqis will pay any price — "no matter how poor they are" — for raw fish and other specialties, Tokiro insists.

JAPAN has offered to forgive $17 billion in Iraqi debt but only if the United States grants it exclusive rights to open sushi bars catering to the war-torn country's ruling elite.

President Bush is reportedly fit to be tied over the proposal, but a senior administration official says he "almost certainly will go along with the plan because 'Mr. Moto' has him over a barrel."

And that has Japanese businessmen licking their chops over what they believe are fortunes to be made selling raw fish and rice balls to people who are more accustomed to spit-seared camel steaks, boiled goat and raw fish than highfalutin international cuisine with a price tag to match.

"They try sushi, they eat it up — they like it a lot," chortles Yukimo Tokiro, who has franchised 99 of the upscale Yukimo's Sushi Bars in Tokyo alone.

"Iraqis, Americans, Russians, the English, they all like my sushi. Iraqis no different.

"Japanese sushi going to be a big seller over there and price no object no matter how 'poor' they act. America giving away money by the bagful in Baghdad. Paying for sushi no problem."

New chain will offer fish and desert dishes like camel and goat sushi!

So optimistic about the future of sushi in Iraq but they admit there's a chance it could catch on.

"Before U.S. troops showed up, the Iraqis didn't eat pork or pork parts," says a Harvard analyst in Cambridge, Mass.

"Now they can't get the corn dogs in the ketchup fast enough."

In a concession to Middle Eastern tastes, Yukimo says he will emphasize fish and desert dishes like camel and goat sushi!

In addition to standard fare like sesame tuna, ikura (salmon eggs), toro (fatty tuna), ahabo (eel), uni (sea urchin) and tako (octopus), the self-described "Sushi King" plans to offer camel sushi, goat sushi and a distinctly downscale concoction of desert asparagus chick peas "for poor people who want to get on the sushi bandwagon too."

And there's no telling what competing sushi bars will dream up once they open their doors in Iraq and find that putting conditions on Japan's forgiveness of Iraqi debt "isn't what President Bush wanted to hear."

"But Iraq owes us billions and it's only fair that we get something back in return for writing off all that debt. Don't forget — America didn't liberate the Iraqis for free, either. President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were awarding contracts for reconstruction to their pals at Halliburton before they even even got

NEWS 'TOONS

"My wife's on one of those diets where I'm the only one who loses weight."

"Hooboy! Another virus!"

"That's not what they mean when they say eat a 'balanced diet.'"

"What do you mean the

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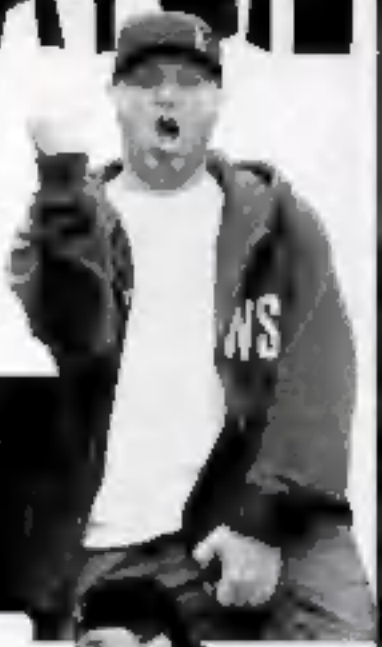
CROTCH WATCH

CELEBRITIES can be so touchy!

When you're rich and famous, there's always somebody trying to grab a piece of you — and sometimes that somebody is you. It's just like the song says: Love the one you're with.

We didn't set out to make the stars look bad; these photos just happened to be handy. These days there's no shortage of famous folks getting rude and crude for the cameras.

Check out these groin-grabbing stars from the world of music, movies and TV. Just sit back and enjoy the view, because this is one time you don't have to give them a hand — they've already taken care of that!



FRED DURST

APPARENTLY the lead singer of the rock band Limp Bizkit has something on his mind. Or maybe this is just his way of explaining how the group came up with their name.

BILLY IDOL

LOOKS like this raw rocker wasn't kidding when he sang about "Dancing With Myself." The good part about that is, you know your partner will never forget about you.

GILLIAN ANDERSON

X MARKS a pretty hot spot for the sexy ex-star of *The X Files*. Now that Agent Scully's career is blown, this is one

PINK

LOOKS like the pop star is just itching to get the party started.

LEONARDO DiCAPRIO

LUSCIOUS Leonardo is one of those Hollywood stars with a knack for attracting people. We're happy to report that that's Leo's own hand grabbing the goods.

ROSEANNE

IN THIS famous photo, Roseanne was singing the national anthem at a baseball game. She set a new standard in bad taste — just when we thought she couldn't sink any lower.

JENNIFER LOPEZ

J LO'S not really trying to be rude here. If you had to squeeze a booty like hers into a pair of pants like these, you'd be adjusting yourself too!

kID Rock

IS THE grungy rap-rocker trying to show us what bombshell actress Pamela Anderson was to him? And if so, is that all there is to their love?

MARK WALHBERG

WHEN you're a big star, no one wants to tell you what's really going on because they're afraid you'll get mad. But we're just gonna come right out and

THOR WORSHIP MAKING A COMEBACK

PAGANISM has reached an all-time high in Scandinavia, horrified Christian leaders warn — with thousands of self-declared "heathens" worshiping the old Norse gods like Odin and Thor!

Worship of the Valhalla-dwelling gods the Vikings once prayed to was outlawed nearly 1,000 years ago.

But in 1972, worship of the "Old Gods" was legalized in Iceland and recently Denmark has followed suit, formally recognizing the pagan religion, widely known as Asratu.

Adherents can now be legally married by heathen priests and their temples can receive donations and get big tax breaks, just like any other religious denomination.

"This is encouraging people to embrace paganism and reject Christ the savior," an outraged Danish minister declared.

Gal raped in disco as 200 watch

A YOUNG woman was stripped naked and gang-raped in a crowded disco in Zhuhai, Hong Kong — as 200 fellow partiers watched and did nothing!

One witness said that the 200 spectators stood by and watched as the screaming victim was pinned down by eight attackers, stripped naked, and repeatedly raped.

Following the sex assault that lasted for five to six minutes, the fiends fled and boarded two taxis to make their getaway, but the gutsy victim hailed her own taxi to chase down the culprits, while frantically calling police on her mobile phone.

Police officers from the

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